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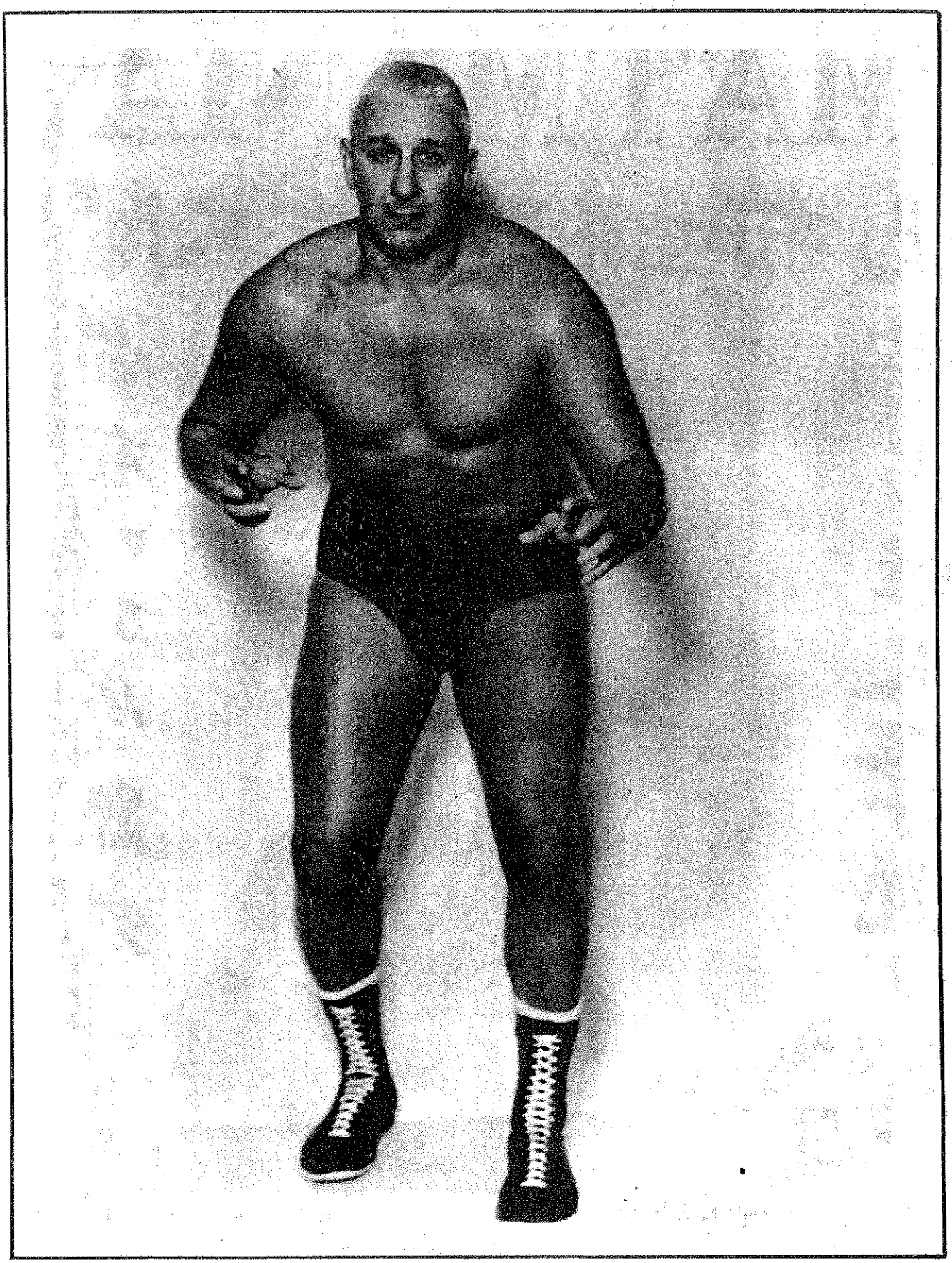

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## AMERICAN & CANADIAN RATINGS

In each issue of MATMANIA, we rate the men of the United States and Canada on basis of skill in the ring. Our system is unique, so a word will be neccesary. Each of our officers sends to me their ideas of the top 30 men of this country, and using a reverse point system, that is 30 points for number one, 29 for number 2 and so forth, we arrive at our final figures.

This issue there were 13 such lists sent to me, with only two men, Kiniski and Von Erich, listed on as many as 12 of the lists. There were a total of 86 men listed on all of the various lists. Below are our ideas of the 30 best men. As always, we would like to emphasize that these ratings are not official, but only our ideas of the best around. Behind each name is the total number of points received.

1, Gene Kiniski, 348 points
2, Verne Gagne, 302 points
3, Lou Thesz, 299
4, Fritz Von Erich, 276
5, Bruno Sammartino, 271
6, Dick Afflis, 252
7, Maurice Vachon and Shohei Baba, 242
8, Wilbur Snyder, 214
9, Bill Watts, 199
10, Killer Kowalski, 196
11, Destroyer, 182
12, Bobo Brazil, 163
13, Karl Gotch, 162
14, Reggie Lisowski and Johnny Valentine, 149
15, Ray Stevens and Bill Miller, 135
16, Kinji Shibuya, 135
17, Buddy Rogers, 109
18, Gorilla Monsoon, 104
19, Pat O'Connor, 97
20, Bob Ellis, 94
21, Mark Lewin, 85
22, Ernie Ladd and Don Leo Jonothan, 74
23, Don DeNucci and Freddie Blassie, 60
24, Horst Hoffman, 52
25, The Shriek, 49
26, Ed Carpentier and Billy Robinson, 48
27, Billy Joyce, 47
28, Jackie Fargo, 46
29, Kintaro Oki, 42
30, Buddy Austin, 32

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There were so many people rising and falling in the ratings that I am not going to include said info this time around. Men dropped since last issue include Gordon Nelson, Dennis Mitchell, Gideon Gida and Ribor Szakacs. New ones include Monsoon, Jonothan, DeNucci, The Shriek, Blassie, Fargo, Oki, and Austin. Both Oki and Austin are making it for the first time, ditto Blassie.

As usual, these ratings tend to reflect the wrestling of both Japan and Australia and to a lesser degree, that of Europe and the rest of the world. As before, we would like to say that these ratings are not official, but only our ideas of who is the best around. The biggest news is the rise of Verne Gagne into the number two spot, and the entrance of Oki and Austin, both top stars of Southern California. These men are both top notchers. Forgot the entrance of the one man who is beyond any shodow of a doubt the most welcome addition to wrestling: Freddie Blassie. Hims only the best.

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WHOS DA BEST
THE WORLDS MOST PERFECT

As always, this section of MATMANIA has aroused the most comment in our last issue I personally, have grown to love it and now wonder how we managed to get by without it for so long. The rules are sim le enough: we base it on the man having ten or more matches in singles competition. Next issue this will be raised to 20 decisions. Other than that, there is nothing. Thus far, we have covered October thru part of February, then the first two weeks of March.

This issue, there are 15 men with no losses on their records. Below is that list with their record behind each name.

Don Leo Jonothan, 19 wins, 2 draws
Gene Kiniski, 31 wins, 6 draws
Gordon Nelson, 24 wins, 3 draws
Kintaro Oki, 21 wins, 3 draws
Count Bartelli, 11 wins, 2 draws, 2 no contests
Kanji Inoki, 12 wins, 2 draws, 2 no contests
Great Lothario, 9 wins, 3 draws
Ernie Ladd, 9 wins, 1 draw
Ricki Starr, 11 wins, 2 draws
Ray Torres, 10 wins, 1 draw
Billy White Wolf, 11 wins, 2 draws, 2 no contests
Johnny Weaver, 12 wins, 1 draw
Shohei Baba, 13 wins, no draws
Fred Curry, 16 wins, 3 draws, 1 no contests
Sam Steamboat, 9 wins, 2 draws

New men are Ladd and Ray Torres. Dropped is Earl Maynard with one loss to Bob Brown.

There are 12 men with no wins. They are, Frank Hickey, Nick Adams, Mark Anthony, George Drake, Fujiwara, Jim Grabmire, Kenny Jay, Benny Lima, Steve Stanlee, Bob Hamby Mister Suzuki, and Chico Cortez. We dropped both Roberto Gonzalez and Sweet Daddy Watts, as they are no longer wrestling. There were no new men, nor any dropped because of shudder winning.

The men with the most wins during the above period are Killer Kowalski, 46 wins, Spiros Arion, 44 wins, Jess Ortega, 42 wins, Kin i Shibuya, 40 wins. Those with most losses are Tony Nero 48 losses, Ricki Sexton, 41 losses, Angelo Savoldi 41 losses, and Jerry Miller with 38 losses.

There is only one combination of two men having men a great number of times. Les Welch and Sputnik Monroe wrestled each other a total of 11 times during the period covered thus far. The closest to this is Ricki Sexton going against Luke Graham, a nine time combo.

As mentioned earlier, wins and losses do not necessarily mean that much. A man like Sexton meats only the best around, so naturally, he will not win as often as a man like Arion who wrestles many men of quite questionable ability. To get a complete picture, you have to see the total record of the mans matches; the type of opposition, the means by which he lost or won the match and so forth.

Who is the most perfect? On virtue of the most wins versus the number of losses sustained, I'd have to say the champ, Gene Kiniski. With his record, all of which is against top notch opposition, he has to be pretty good. On the other hand, ole Franklin G. Hickey, with 26 losses and no draws. That man has had some TROUBLE. Mostly with himself. Still a ruff one, he must be able to beat SOMEONE, SOMEWHERE.

There is a man listed in our ratings, and again in our "whos Da Best" that many people believe is not a great wrestler. These people say that the man in question uses dirty holds, karate, and other types of mayhem to win his matches, and therefore should not be listed. The man in question is the current North America champion, ex-U.S. Champion, ex-co-holder of the world tag title, as well as many other titles. I speak of Kinji Shibuya.

It is true that the man has been taught thoroughly many of the wrestling sciences of the Orient. Included in this is karate, judo, and various other forms of semi-legal mayhem. He has polished those skills so that he knows how to do his opponents the most bad. Add to this the fact that he is as tuff as an old piece of shoe leather, as sly as a fox, as wary as a hare, and has the disposition of a rattlesnake. He can take punishment the way a sponge holds water and still be ready to pounce on any opponent the minute a mistake is made. You may not like the way he does it, but give credit where credit is due; the ole boy is TUFF.

Bleow is a partial glimpse of his record during the past few months. See for your self the caliber of his opponents and why I think he is one of the ten greatest of our day.

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| 3 Mar | Houston | Al Torres | won |
| 8 Mar | San Antonio | Mario Milano | won |
| 10 Mar | Houston | Al Torres | lost dis |
| 14 Mar | Dallas | Fritz Von Erich | won |
| 17 Mar | Houston | Bob Ellis | L Disq |
| 20 Mar | Ft. Worth | Fritz Von Erich | lost |
| 21 Mar | Dallas | Bearcat Wright | drew |
| 22 Mar | San Antonio | Ernie Ladd | won |
| 31 Mar | Houston | Yamamoto | won |
| 10 Apr | Ft. Worth | Lou Thesz | W Disq |
| 18 Apr | Dallas | Bob Ellis | won |
| 26 Apr | San Antonio | Austin | NC |
| 1 May | Ft. Worth | Buddy Austin | drew |
| 19 May | Houston | Tiger Conway | won |
| 22 May | Ft. Worth | Jack Pesek | L Disq |
| 30 May | Austin the man | Dallas, the city | drew |
| 12 June | Ft. Worth | Jim Bernard | won |
| 13 June | Dallas | Waldo Von Erich | lost |
| 29 June | Amarillo | Dory Funk Jr for No Am title | win |

As you can see from above, he poked very few "soft touches" along the way, and won far more than he lost. Afraid of no man, able to mix it up with the best of them and able to beat them all. Ole Kinji Baby; hims a goodie.

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The above record is not complete, of course. I've omitted repetitious matches, all tag team bouts, and so forth. He twice wrestled in San Francisco during the above time. Each of the men from whom he won, or lost to, he met on several occasions, but I have included one of each from each man. The only man I missed was a "Tazrzan Orosco" whoever he might be.

Actually, as you might have guessed from the above, Kinji is one of my all time favourites. Always has been and alwasy will be. He has a lot of "color", can wrestle with the best of them, and can hold his own with any man now wrestling. And he is usually good for a laff or two as he clippity-clops around the ring like a little old lady out to do her washing. They broke the mold when they made the ole boy. I am willing to bet that many are glad that they did lose that mold; too many guys like Shibuya would make life mighty ruff for the heros of wrestling.

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RESULTS FROM TEXAS

2 Aug. LUBBOCK. Kinji Shibuya W Dan Miller. Thunderbolt Patterson W Terry Funk dusq. Ricky Romero, Funk Jr and Jerry Kozak W Medic, Duke Miller, Jack Cain and Ken Ramey. Juan Hernandez W Don Slatton.
3 Aug. AMARILLO. Hernandez W Miller. Kozak D Romero. Patterson and Medic W T Funk and Funk Jr. Shibuya W Miller.
7 Aug. FT. WORTH. Jim Bernard W Fritz Von Erich. Fritz W Mike Paidousis. Karl Kox W Buddy Moreno. Bull Curry W Buddy Austin. The Spoiler W Chris Hardy.
8 Aug. DALLAS. Jack Brisco W Danny Plechas. Spoiler W Benny Matta. Curry W Rocky Montero. Joe Scarpa W Kox disq. Paidousis and Bernard W Von Erich Bros for U.S. tag title.
10 Aug/ CLOVIS. Earl Maynard D Kozak. Hernandez W Cain. Kozak and Funk Jr W Maynard and Medic.
12 Aug/ AMARILLO TV. Gene Kiniski W Chris Markoff. Medic D Romero. Kozak D Funk Jr. Maynard W Hernandez. Shibuya W Fr ancisco Rios.
14 Aug. FT. WORTH. Gary Hart W Hardy. Spoiler W Al Perez. Red Lyons and Brisco W Plechas and Paidousis. Bernard W Scarpa. Kox NC Curry.
15 Aug. AUSTIN. Matta W Hardy. Joe Blanchard D Montero. Moreno W Karl Karlson. Kox W Scarpa disq.
15 Aug. DALLAS. Brisco W Perez. DeMarco W Plechas. Spoiler W Sundown Kid. Lyons W Paidousis. Bernard W Curry.
18 Aug. HOUSTON. Waldo W DeMarco. Paidousis D Scarpa. Spoiler W Brisco. Curry W Karlson. Lyons NC Kox. Fritzie W Bernard.

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Newcomers to the Texas mat scene include Rocky Montero, Earl Maynard (the cousisn of TB Patterson), Chris Hardy, Red Lyons, Al Perez, Karl Karlson, and Dan Miller, back from recovering from an ilness. Not all of these men are top notchers, but enough of them are to keep the ole ball rolling down thataway. Tops among the newcomers is the ole lion, Bull Curry. One of the best in the business in the game of give and take (punches that is), The Bull is still a formidable man, as Kox, Bernard and the others are finding out. He still has it all.

With Thunderbolt and his cuz, Maynard, around, watch for some wild things to happen tag-wise. As mentioned earlier, Earl is a great wrestler and turning villian as he probably has, will add greatly to his ability to win matches. The smoke should really fly down thataway.

Fritz and Waldo, both superb wrestlers as singles, have never been too much as a tag team. They win a match now and then, but usually lose. As mentioned earlier, during our tag ratings time period, they won only one match, while losing seven. This is hardly a winning rate of spped. Their opponents in each and every case, was Costello and Von Brauner, the Internationals. They had a manager, Gary Hart, who, I imagine, had a hand (or a cane) in many of the Von Erichs losses.

My hat goes off, now as always, for a job well done to the promoters of Texas. They get more new, good men, have better, wilder matches, and more of them, than anywhere else in the country. I heartily, completely congratulate them and the job they are doing. I only wish the entire country was run as is Texas. Me luvs ya all.

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Watch ole Montero a time or two. The guy is a bit light for too much wrestling, but he has a way with him. You'll howl at him, scream at him, be ready to climb in the ring to do battle with him yourself, but one thing for sure: Rocky will rock the boat. He is not dull. He gives ya watcha pay to see: action and plenty of it. He can't wrestle too much better than Stevens, but is a darned sight more interesting.

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Long has the Thunderbolt been used as a means to frighten people and to show the power of the Gods and of Nature. The latest and most powerful of them all is a young wrestler named Thunderbolt Patterson.

The six foot, 245 pound negro star hails from the Watts section of Los Angeles. A veteran of only two years of wrestling, the goateed villian is already a star of the first magnitude, altho a star who is cordially hated by everyone.

When asked about his favourite area in which to wrestle, Patterson readily said that west Texas was the area he liked best. "They have so few good wrestlers here th at I can easily win all of my matches. These bums around here, well, its like leading them to the slaughter house when I face them. I'm just too good, but I sure do like these soft touches around here."

I quickly pointed out that he didn't win all of his matches, so evidently not all the men around here are that easy to beat. That some of them might even be his superior. "Its the referees," he replied. "When a guy has his brother or some other relative on the payroll to referee, a guy doesn't stand a chance. But when I can get a good, impartial ref like the Duke or the Medic like last night (in Abilene on 10 July then everything is fair, and I can win everytime."

Still un-convinced, I again asked about some of his local losses to Slatton, Kozak and so on. "Luck, it is just luck that any man ever beats me. Everyone with half an eye will readily admit that I am the worlds greatest wrestler. I have the classic physique of a star; a body like a Greek God. I also am the lastest, most powerful man around. I actually feel sorry for some of my opponents; I'm so good and they well, they just can't stand up to me and my wonderous spped and ability."

I asked Patterson how he liked working with his current tag partner and cousin, Earl Maynard. "The guy is great to work with. He's just like me: thinks and moves fast, has great strentgh and power and tremendous ability, and he isn't afraid of anyone or anything. He's the only one around here who is almost as great a wrestler as me."

When asked about his ambition in wrestling, Patterson said, "To meet Kiniski, the world's champion. It is my desire and my goal to meet the best around and to beat them every time. And to do that, I've got to meet and beat the champ, Kiniski. I've challenged him at least once a week lately, but he's afraid of me. He knows a great wrestler like me when he sees one and won't come near me. When we do wrestle, though, you can bet that I'll cut him down to size, and then everyone will know that I am the World's Greatest Wrestler."

Thunderbolt Patterson IS a good wrestler; of that, there is little doubt. A roug tough man, he has everything it takes to be one of the greatest of all time. Maybe even be as good as he thinks he is now.

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With cousin Earl Maynard now on the scene in Amarillo and environs, Thunderbolt has a real nice playmate with whom to wrestle. Maynard, a former Mister Universe champion, has become a villian like TB, and the duo should rapidly make themselves a real name in wrestling. Since this is a family magazine, I will not mention what that name will probably be.

I would like to thank Thunderbolt for allowing me the time to interview him while I was in Texas. Surprise of surprises, I found him to be a gentelman of the first order. As nice out of the ring as he is bad inside. Quite a guy in every way, shape and form, and I am sure he will rapidly become one of the tops in the world of wrestling. Hims a goodie. And for realness.

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While space allows, I would like to mention tha pcitures that are for sale thru Boyd Pierce. His work is by far the best in the world of wrestling today, with more variety of pictures, clearer, sharper than any others around. For a free list of all that he has, drop him a line at Box C. Burleson, Texas. 76028.

**DUKE KEOMUKA**

Many years ago, about fifteen to be exact, a young Japanese judo expert became a professional wrestler. He started out as a body beautiful, 180 pounder and rapidly became a favourite with all of the people who likedtheir wrestlers on the ruff side.

That young man is still a top pro today, spending the majority of his time wrestling in Florida and in Texas, where he is still a favourite of all the ruff and tuff ones. An expert in both judo and karate, he has used them to good advantage in winning the vast majority of his matches. With tag partner Hiro Matsuda, he has won a version of the world tag crown, the Southern tag championship, and numerous other local and regional championships.

With his claw hold, he has beaten many top men, including Danny Plechas, Clyde Steeves, Don Curtis, Sam Steamboat, Great Lothario, Wahoo McDaniels, Harry Smith and many others. Feared by all, admired by many, and liked by few, he is the toos in the age-old proverb of "Give 'em a pretty face, and they'll go for 'em every time."

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WRESTLERS AND THEIR FAVOURITE HOLDS

George Becker, abdoninal stretch
Red Demons, knee to the stomoh
Bobby Shane, Kiwi Roll, Dradle
Bronco Lubich, Crusher and cobra hold
Tex McKenzie, Bulldog headlock
Larry Hamilton, Bear hug
Ken Hollis, dradle hold
Gene Anderson, Backbreaker
George Scott, Abdominal stretch
Rip Hawk, Corkscrew hold
Alex Medina, Drop kick and press
Don Kent, Cradle roll
Curtis Iaukea, big splash
Tony Borne, body drop from ropes
Bruno Sammartino, bear hug
Johnny Weaver, sleeper, cradle hold
Klondike Bill, Backbreaker
Aldo Bogni, Crusher, Cobra hold
Nelson Royal, Sleepr, bulldog headlock
Great Malenko, Neckbreaker
Sandor Akbar, bear hug
Paul DeMarco, Drop kick and cradle
Lars Anderson, also backbreaker
Sandy Scott, ditto as George
Swede Hanson, Corkscrew
George Drake, Arm submission
Ike Eakins, Knee drop and press
Haystacks Calhoun, a sit down on
Ray Stevens, bolms away
Sonny Myers, sleeper hold

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Since this list was formulated, Bobb Shane has added the sleeper to his repetoire and has rapidly formed ahead in the ranks of pro wrestling. A coming star, Bobby is now wrestling in Detroit and environs, where he has become a top favourite with the ladies. Another exponent of the sleeper is Ron Reed, the cowboy star from Baltimore. Another fast rising star, he has beaten Dick Afflis and many others with his own special brand of sleeper. By the way, if McKenzie is called Tex because he comes from Texas, what do you aall a person from Maryland? Don't call Ron the obvious one unless you can run fast. others using the sleepr are Pat O'Connor, Kinji Shibuya, Mark Lewin, and Bruno Sammartino, who puts me to sleep every time I see him.

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# RESULTS FROM THE SOUTH

22 July. BOWLING GREEN. Blue Infernos W Joe Vegas and Bill Sky. Herb Larsen W Red Roberts.

22 July. ROANOKE. Rip Hawk and Swede Hanson W George Becker and Johnny Weaver. Infernos managed by J.C. Dyjes W Klondike Bill and Greg Peterson. Luther Lindsey W Bull Romos. Angelo Martinelli W Gene Dundee.

22 July. LEXINGTON. Pedro Godoy W Sonny Fargo. Mummy D Roger Kirby. Gene and Lars Anderson W Chief Little Eagle and Jerry London. Scott Bros W Great Sasaki and P.Y. Chung.

22 July. HUNTSVILLE, ALA. Don Carson W Bill Spears. Oki Shikina and Great Yamaha W Bob Hamby and Jerry Myatt.

22 July. ATLANTA TV. Stan and Paul Vachon W Rick Hunter and Bob Nandor. Ray and Al Torres W Louie Tillet and Al Perez. Vachons W Torres for TV title. Bob Armstrong D Bill Dromo.

24 July. BIRMINGHAM. Willie Garrett W Luis Garcia. Tom Jones W Matt Jewell. Don Carson W Bill Sky. Len Rosssi and Jim Hines W Yamaha and Tomaya Sato.

25 July. PENSACOLA. Ken Lucas W Sputnik Monroe. Jack and Frank Dalton W Bobby Fields and Dick Dunn. Ox W Mister Kleen. Bob Eisenberg W Jim Dalton.

26 July. MOBILE. Dunn NC Jim Dalton. Ox W Eisenberg. Monroe W Kleen. Lucas and Fields W Daltons disq.

26 July. NASHVILLE. Hines Bros and Rossi W Blue Infernos and Mario Galento disq. Yamaha lost to Garrett disq. Jewell W Jones. Carson W Spears.

27 July. NORFOLK. Pampero Firpo W Dundee. Lindsey W Ramos. Hawk and Hansen W Bill nd Peterson. Scotts W Andersons disq.

28 July. ATLANTA. Al Torres W Maurcie Vachon. Vachon Bros W Ray Torres and Tim Woods. Ray Gunkel and Buddy Fuller W Perez and Tillet. Mongul W Tim Geohagen.

28 July. CHARLESTON. Scotts W Andersons. Larry Hamilton W Little Eagle. Nelson Royal and Amazing Zuma W Dundee and Godoy. Rudy Kay W Tony Romano.

29 July/ LEXINGTON. Royal W Mummy. Godoy W Romano. Hamilton and Firpo W Bill and Peterson. Scotts W Andersons.

29 July. BECKER AND WEAVER W Hawk and Haneen. This is in ROANOKE. Penny Banner W Dixie Jones. Lindsey and Kay D Infernos. Little Eagle vs Ramos.

31 July. MEMPHIS. Jackie Fargo, Herb Welch and Corsica Joe NC Blue Infernos and Yamaha. Gene Kiniski W Don Greene. Galento D Treach Phillips. Steve Kovacs W Bill Spears.

31 July. BIRMINGHAM. Ton Drake W Danny Dusek. Carson and Larsen W Garrett and Garcia. Yamaha and Sato W Jim Hines and Rossi.

31 July. ORLANDO. Bradley W Cassidy. Tarzan Tyler W Bronco Kelly. Daltons W John Heath and Chris Toledo. Eddie Graham and Don Curtis W Goliath and El Lobo.

1 Aug. PENSACOLA. Ox W Nick Kontos. Tim Tyler W Garcia. Jim Dalton W Don Barnes. Lucas and Fields W Tim and Rip Tyler.

2 Aug. MOBILE. Ox W Fields. Tyler Bros W Eisenberg and Lucas. Moolah and Doris Nelson W Barbara Owens and Jean Bonds.

3 Aug. NORFOLK. Dundee W Madrid. Little Eagle W Romano. Kentuckians W Hamilton nd Firpo disq. Scotts W Andersons.

4 Aug. LYNCHBURG. Scotts and Lindsey W Bogni, Lubich and Homer O'Dell. Little Eagle W Godoy. London W Dundee. Les Thatcher W Jack Vansky.

5 Aug. LAKELAND. Tarzan Tyler W Jack Ricco. Bradley W Cupid. Silento Rodriguez and Toledo W Lobo and Goliath disq.

5 Aug. ROANOKE. Becker and Weaver W Bogni and Lubich. Little Eagle D Mummy. Andersons W Lindsey and Martinelli. Madrid W Vansky.

7 Aug. PANAMA CITY. Tyler Bros W Kucas and Barnes. Moolah and Nelson W Owens and Bonds.

7 Aug. BIRMINGHAM. Kovacs W Al Greene. Carson Bros W Hillbillies. Jim Hines and Rossi W Yamaha and Sato.

7 Aug. MEMPHIS. Fargo, Welch and Joe W Blue Infernos and Yamaha. Bull Montana W Sonny Scott. Phillips W Hamby. Galento W Garrett.

There are two Yamahas; later they are tagging together. Which is which, tho, I have no idea.

8 Aug. PENSACOLA. Ox W Barnes. Jim Dalton W Garcia. Tyler Bros W Fields and Lucas Moolah and Nelson W Owens and Bonds.
10 Aug. NORFOLK. Kay W Ramos. Thatcher W Godoy. Hamilton and Firpo W Hawk and Hansen. Kentuckians W Andersons disq.
14 Aug. BIRMINGHAM. Jones W Jewell. Carsons W Bill and Joe Sky. Yamaha ans Sato W Rossi and Jim Hines.
14 Aug. ORLANDO. Lobo W Toledo. Harry Smith D Golbath. Daltons W Rick Neal and Kelly. Karl Von Brauner and Monroe W Curtis and Fuller.
14 Aug. MEMPHIS. Rip Collins D Garrett. Conley W Roberts. Corsica Joe W Yamaha. Kovacs won royal of above. Fargo W Don Greene disq. Blue Infernos Wlech and Galeento. Sirry.
15 Aug. PENSACOLA. Ox W Eisenberg. Eddie Sullivan W Jim Dalton. Fields and Lucas W Tyler bros disq.
16 Aug. MOBILE. Jim Dalton W Cobra. Ox W Fields. Sullivan and Lucas W Tylers.
17 Aug. NORFOLK. Mummy W Kay. Thatcher D London. Hamilton and Firpo W Bill and Peterson. Kentuckians W Andersons disq.

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The Carolinas continued bringing in new, fresh blood. With the arrival of Luther Lindsey and Rudy Kay, they have tow of the all time favourites. Kay is better known as Rudy LaBelle, the manager of the Beast, who was in Australia. Also new are Les Thatcher and Jack Vansky, two rising young stars.

Florida also did good, getting Tarzan Tyler, Dick Neal (who he?) and the Daltons for a visit. Also new is Karl Von Brauner, ex-tag partner of Costello. Teaming with Sputnik Monroe now, they are doing well.

The Mobile area also did good, getting Eddie Sullivan, Jim Dalton, Monroe for a visit, and Luis Garcia. Also new is Barbara Owens, ex-fan club president. Also new are the Tyler Bros, the current Guld Coast tag champs.

The Nashbille/ Memphis area also got a few new men in, notably the Collins/ Conley duo, altho they seem to be on opposite sides of the fence, so to speak. Who or which is the Hillbillies is anybodies guess; I'd say Conley and Garrett.

The Atlanta area had visists from Maurice Vachon, Buddy Fuller, and not too much else. They've lost Perez so I imagine they have gotten at least one or two new men in since the above results; who, tho, I have no idea.

As you will note from the tag ratings, the above results are not included. Gene and Lars Anderson, un-used to the rules in effect in the Carolinas, have been losing a number of bouts via disqualification. Unfortunately, this will affect their ratings when we arrive at this point. For now, tho, onward and upward.

Id appreciate a bit of info; notably what happened to Eric Von Brauner, Billy Hines, Les Welch, Darryl Cochran, Don Fargo, Rocket Monroe, the Garvins Bros, Jerry Graham, and several others of the top favourites and stars of this area. Would appreciate anything you might know. Much grass.

It is rather commonly known fact that Bobby Fields is the brother of the Mobile promoter. He is cordially disliked by many fans due to the favouratism displayed by his brother. A hero to most, he has a firm block of dis-likers throughout the area. As you will note in our "favourites" page.

Treach Phillips continues to roll along like the Ole Man River that he is. Too smalal too take seriously, too mean to forget, and too good a wrestler to ignore. A wild one in every sense of the word, he is a fab little guy.

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## TAG TEAM RATINGS

In each issue of MATMANIA, we rate the men of the tag team world on basis on their wins and losses in the ring. Thus far, we have included the matches of January thru March. We have included only those men who work together as a team regularly, and base the records on five or more decisions. As usual, these ratings are not official, but only our ideas of the best around.

Below are the 15 top teams of the world, and their won loss record behind.

1, Henning and Race, 15,1,6, 3 no contests
2, George and Sandy Scott, 21,5, and 1
3, Rip Hawk and Swede Hansen, 18,7,1
4, Assassins, 18,7,4,2
5, Chris and John Tolos, 10,3,0
6, McDaniels and Lothario, 10,3,0
7, Becker and Weaver, 17,4,2
8, Andersons, 12,5,2
9, Blue Infernos, 8,0,0
10, Parisi and Arion, 7,0,1
11, Don and Rip Carson, 9,4,3
12, Bogni and Lubich, 14,9,1
13, Infernos, 15,11,5
14, Afflis and Lisowski, 4,3,0,3
15, Kentuckians, 11,10,1,2

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As you will notice, there has been a complete, drastic shakeup in the tag ratings due to the break-up of several teams. Costello and Von Brauner are no longer active as a team, as are McKenzie and Royal, Enrico and Ramon Torres. We also have dropped the two teams from Great Britain, as the weight differential is tremendous.

The Scotts have leap-frogged into second place in the ratings by virtue of wins over Bogni and Lubich, the Stroheims, Hawk and Hansen and over Hamilton and Harris. Their only loss in recent months have been to the Infernos.

Hawk and Hansen re-made the ratings, jumping all the way to third place, having beaten the teams of McKenzie and Royal, Bogni and Lubich and many others. They won 6 matches during the last two weeks of March and made the ratings due to that spurt.

The WWWF champs, whatever their names are this month, drew with Morgan and Monsoon so have dropped below the Blue Infernos. They are the only two teams to be undefeated in five or more bouts.

The Carsons made the entrance into the ratings on virtue of wins over the teams of Hall and Kirby, Hall and Thatcher, Mario Galento and Bobby Fields, and many others. They richly deserve the rating, as they are a real "comer".

I doubt if these ratings remain as they are for any length of time, as in April, the team of Yokoushi and Shikina enter into the picture. They had three wins with no losses during their final weeks in England, and won almost everything in sight while in the Ozarks. Watch them move into the picture next issue. Also watch the teams of Afflis and Lisowski, Parks and Gilbert and of Maynard and Ladd. All have gone on long winning streaks during April and May and will be reflected in our ratings.

This section is a bunch of fun. The South, with ten out of 12 of the top teams, must really enjoy seeing Becker and Weaver, the Scotts and others of their favourites being rated so high, and even dominating the ratings.

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RESULTS FROM THE OZARKS

3 Aug. LONGVIEW. Paul Jones W Gerald Brisco. The Assassens NC Executioners. Gorgeous George W Tarzan Baxter.
7 Aug. TULSA. Haystacks Calhoun W Nikita Mulkovitch. Executioners W Danny Hodge and Sandor Akbar. Jones W Roberto Pico. Juan Sebastian D Jesse James. Eddie SulOlivan W Pancho Rosario.
9 Aug. SPRINGFIEID. Calhoun W Mulkovitch. James and Janes W Chati Yokouchi and Shikuma. Jean Antone W Betty Nicoli. Jones D Yokouchi.
14 Aug. SHREVEPORT. Ass 1 D Yokouchi. Baby Blimp D Tony Manousos. Calhoun W Mulkovitch. Assassens Shikuna and Yokouchi disq.
14 Aug. TULSA, Executioners W James and Jones. George W Rosario. Sebastian W Akbar. Baxter W Brisco.
15 Aug. LITTLE ROCK. Sebastian W Sullivan. George W Pico. James and Jones W Ex.
16 Aug. SPRINGFIELD. James and Jones W Executioners. George W Rosario. Heideman W James. Jones D Marconi.
17 Aug. LONGVIEW. Jones W Yokouchi. James W Shikuna. Jones and James W Yokouchi and Shikuna disq. Baxter W George.

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Uncle Burt is going to tell you a story. Is that okay with all the little nieces and nephews out there? Here goes. There once was a man who was a very good, top-flight wrestler. He became a promoter and from the very beginning favored men of his own weight class and size; mainly light-heavies and junior-heavyweight wrestlers. This man has even stated, in no uncertian terms, that he would not use a full-fledged heavyweight on his cards.

Since that time, our heroic promoter has used such light weight men as Haystacks Calhoun Tiny Smith, Luke Brown, Baby Blimp Harris, Bill Watts, Ike Eakins, and other such men. Now I ask you, if these men are junior heavyweights, what in the name of H*** is a heavyweight?

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New men like Jesse James, Paul Jones, Roberto Pico are all good, interesting men and will do much to keep the area rolling, as far as wrestling is concerned. The Assassins, who seem to be slightly inactive above, have again been setting the pace. Manged by Calhoun, they have been feuding with the team of Yokouchi and Shikina and have accounted for a zillion sell-outs in the past few weeks and months. Calhoun, either wrestling the manager of the Japnanese team, Mulkovitch, or being handcuffed to him during the actual tag match, has kept most of the proceeding honest. I do wonder how the team of Tweedle Dum and Tweedle Dee, the Assassins, feel getting cheered for a change. They are an excellent team, and are beyond a doubt the most crowd pleasing guys around.

For some reason, the Blimp did not stay around too long. Or if he did, he is under a different name. Tha Baby Blimp is usually George Harris, and he may have stopped off for just the one bout on his way back to the Carolinas. While in the process of thinking, ha, ha, ha, I wonder why Manousos does not wrestle more? He is a good wrestle, has plenty of moxie, and always does a good job. Is it the wrestler and just donesn't want to work any more, or is it the promoter, not giving him more assingments? Only the shadow knows for sure.

Every once in a while, this area proves a little something to me: about once in a blue moon, they have a series of sell-outs like nothing you've ever seen or heard of. The Assassins have been involved most of the time, but against formidable teams. It would seem that the promoters involved would learn that, when the fans get good matches, they will come out in droves. They do so when circumstances warrant such, but leave the area high and dry at other times. Promoters, lets get a movie-pie-poo okay?

With this issue of MATMANIA, we are beginning a new policy: one of constructive ideas rather than belittling the efforts of our leaders, the promoters. Instead, of striking out at those things that we consider to be abysmally stupid, we will pump up the good that is being done. We will ignore that bad and concentrate on the good.

Before we do leave the realm of the netherworld, let me again stress those points which I consider to be the most important in the sucess of a promotion. First and foremost is how well the wrestling draws in relation to the population of the area and the caliber of wrestlers used. This drawing power is best figured on a weekly average. The higher they draw per week, the better their record as a promoter.

This size of population is an important item. A city such as Memphis averages around 5,000 a week while there are many cities that draw only slightly better than that even with matches held once a month. I feel that a city that is twice the size of Memphis whould draw twice as many fans. When it doesn't, something is wrong.

The second item on which I rate a promoter is regularity. If a promoter draws 5,00 people one match and only 2,00 the next, he is doing something wrong. Not carrying the impetus, the drive, over from one week to the next. His cards do not carry a sufficient amount of interest to keep the fans flocking to the arena. There is a possibility, of course, that he is doing something wrong when he hits the high spots: perhaps his lows are his normal place in life.

This official change in the policy of MATMANIA will not change my own personal view points of the idiocy that prevails over much of wrestling. I will simply do my best to ignore this end of wrestling and concentrate on what is happening that is good. When I do begin to skate on thin ice, everyone will know it.

I do hope and trust that this change will not affect any of you adversely. I realize that to "stay put" is to become stagnant. To restrict change is to become abosolete, and we do not want that to happen. Thank you.

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In the July issue of MATMANIA, we mentioned a surprise for this issue. This is not the one origianlly planned, but here it is anyway. On January the first of 1968, the postage rates for third class mail are going up. To offset this, we will have to raise our dues. So, beginnigng with our December issue, the dues for MATMANIA will be six dollars a year, or sixty cents per issue.

I am sorry about this, but don't blame me; blame the government; I voted Re,,,,, thin ice. Those of you who are yearly members now, and all of the rest for that matter, can join or re-join at the old dues at any time between now and the end of December. The dues of five a year will continue until that time.

Surprise? Big stinking deal.

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There is another secret, but I will have to hold until later on it. or now, tho, the big news is a savings for you, if you hit it now. In just three short months, everything will be going up, up, up. The Cost of Living Index shows that a dollar today buys almostfifty cents worth of goods at 37 prices. Sigh....And I remember it, too.

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The rest of the surprise is that I don't know what to do with the rest of this page. Any ideas? When in doubt, mention how very much I miss the Twentieth Centry fan club. John Hnatin had to give it up due to school and financial matters. Only 14 years old, he has far too much time and energy devoted to school, and reluctanlty had to give it all up. His was one of the best clubs around, as I have said many times, and I miss him a great deal. Thank the Good Lord, he has decided to become one of our officers. What to do, tho, I am not yet sure.

RESULTS FROM HEART OF AMERICA

1 Aug. SEDALIA. Hangman W Ronnie Etchison. Ron Reed and Stomper W Bob Brown and Viking. Earl Maynard W Monk. Reed W Brown.
5 Aug. ST. JOSEPH TV. Reed D Hangman. Sonny Myers W Bob Geigel. Hangman, Tor Kamata and Giggle W Reed, Myers and Frank Hester.
8 Aug. SEDALIA. Stomper W Hangman. Myers and Reed W Jack Donovan and Brown. Thor Hagen W Viking. Myers D Donovan.
10 Aug. KANSAS CITY. Dick Afflis and Reggie Lisowski W Brown and Geigel. Stomper W Kamata. Hangman W Etchison. Reed D Mayers. Viking W Donovan.
12 Aug. KANSAS CITY TV. Hangman W Pancho Rosario. Reed and Stomper W Monk and Masked Man. Brown W Tarzan Baxter.
17 Aug. KANSAS CITY. Brown and Geigel W Reed and Stomper.

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For the first time in many, many moons, the two promoters involved are exchanging wrestlers. The appearances of Rosario and Baxter, altho only TV spots, could be the beginning of something worthwhile. The fans of St Joe and Kansas City seeing men like the Assassins, Hodge, Brisco, James and Jones, Shikina and Yokouchi, and so forth. Meanwhile, the fans of the Ozarks will see guys like Brown, Giggle, Kamata, Viking and others. For goodness, gracious, me-ou-my, if I should ever live that long. Than ice time.

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New faces like, uh, the Masked Man, Rosario and Baxter, I guess they help. Forget it, Uncle Burt.

I am just completely, absolutely convinced it would not be that hard to get some more new men into this area. There are many fine wrestlers in short distance from Kansas City who would be happy to move there. The attendance is down, especially now during the summer, when St Joseph is closed down, when Sedalia is closed for a carnival or some such; when most of the area is too hot to do much but lay around. Now, above all, is when the promoters have to work the hardest to build up the interest of the fans. Omaha is not that far away. Omaha, where they have Doug Gilbert, Reg Parks, Bobby Orton, Dale Lewis, and many other good wrestlers. Memphis is not too far away; Memphis where they have Bill and Joe Sky, Don and Rip Carson, Jimmy and Bil Hines, Mario Galento, Billy Wicks, Herb Welch, Don and Jackie Fargo. Amarillo is not too far away; Amarillo where they have Terry Funk, Dory Funk Jr, Dan Miller, Kinji Shibuya, the Medic, Thunderbolt Patterson and many others. Certainly SOMETHING could be done to releive the monotony of the same faces week after week, month after month, year after year.

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While thinking of it, let me again mention the old programs that we have for sale. Mostly from Texas, they include many from the time period of the early sixties and late fifties. They are completely new and in excellent condition. They cost ten cents each, and the minimum order is ten at one time. Please include 15 cents for postage and handling. Send to me direct. Thus far, they have been very popular with many of our members. I am sure you will like them, too.

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I'd like to mention tha fan club for the fan club for Jack Donovan and Verne Bottoms. The prexie, Don Wilson, does an excellent job of presenting the news of his honoraries, and is to be congratulated ofr doing an above average job on it all. His address is 1755 Woodridge Lane. Flirissant, Mo. 63033. I assure you, you will like and enjoy this club. Tis a goodie.

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| 10 Sept 60 | Cincinnati | w Brasil vs Medics | won |
| 17 Sept | St. Louis TV | Bobby Orton | won |
| 17 Sept | New Orleans | Dick Afflis | ??? |
| 24 Sept | St. Louis TV | Nikita Mulkovitch | won |
| 20 Sept | Indy | Kinji Shibuya | W Disq |
| 22 Sept | Kansas City | Tare Myaki | won |
| 23 Sept | St. Joseph | Don Lee | won |
| 1 Oct | Milwaukee | Don Lee | won |
| 7 | St. Louis | Kinji Shibuya | won |
| 8 | Cincinnati | Kinji Shibuya | drew |
| 1. | Indy | Bronco Lubish | won |
| 13 Oct | Mascoutah, Ill | w Gordon vs Hawk and Hunter | won |
| 15 Oct | Indy TV | Jim Brajmire (Grajmire) | won |
| 22 Oct | Cincinnati | Bill Miller | won |
| 25 Oct | Indy | w Snyder vs Arakawa and Shibuya | drew |
| 29 Oct | St. Louis TV | Mick Roberts | won |
| 5 Nov | Indy | Killer Kowalski | w disq |
| 15 Nov | Indy | Killer Kowalski | lost |
| 18 Nov | St. Louis | Pat O'Connor | lost |
| 25 Nov | Milwaukee | Killer Kowalski | drew |
| 29 Nov | Indy | w Eric vs Chris and John Tolos | drew |
| 2 Dec | St. Louis | Mike Paidousis | won |
| 3 Dec | Cincinnati | Killer Kowalski | won |
| 6 Dec | Indy | w Eric vs Chris and John Tolos | lost |
| 9 Dec | Buffalo, tourney | Ramon Lopez | won |
| | | Red Lyons | lost |
| 10 Dec | Indy TV | Tony Nero | won |
| 13 Dec | Kansas City, Mo | The Shiek | drew |
| 15 Dec | Kansas City | Stan Stasiak | won |
| 22 Dec | Kansas City | w Myers vs Henning and Paidousis | won |
| 31 Dec 60 | St. Louis TV | w Hagen vs Valentine and Rogers | lost |
| 3 Jan 61 | Indy | w Brazil vs Chris and John Tolos | W Disq |
| 6 Jan | St. Louis | Fritz Von Erich | won |
| 7 Jan | Cincinnati | Danno O'Shocker and Greg Jarque | won |
| 12 Jan | Milwaukee | w Eric vs Afflis and Kowalski | lost |
| 13 Jan | Marion, Ind | Dick Afflis | lost |
| 14 Jan | St. Louis TV | Stan Stasiak | won |
| 19 Jan | Denver | Dick Afflis | lost |
| 20 Jan | St. Louis | w J P Henning vs Rogers and Valentine | lost |
| 21 Jan | St. Louis TV | Medic 1 | won |
| 24 Jan | Milwaukee | w Eric vs Afflis and Kowalski | lost |
| 25 Jan | Anderson, Ind | Gattoni and Mike Valentine | won |
| 26 Jan | Kansas City | Lee Henning | won |
| 27 Jan | Marion | Killer Kowalski | drew |
| 28 Jan | Indy TV | Herb Gerwig | won |
| 2 Feb | Ft. Wayne | w Eric vs Afflis and Kowalski | lost |
| 3 Feb | St. Louis | w Snyder vs Stan Kowalski and Kiniski | won |
| 4 Feb | St. Louis TV | Hans Von Goering | won |
| 6 Feb | Omaha TV | Tony Nero | won |
| 7 Feb | Sioux City | The Shiek | lost |
| 9 Feb | Denver | w Eric vs Afflis and Kowalski | lost |
| 11 Feb | Indy TV | Greg Jarque | won |
| 15 Feb | Omaha | Pampero Firpo | w disq |
| 17 Feb | St. Louis | Killer Kowalski | lost |
| 21 Feb | Indy | Bill Miller | drew |
| 28 Feb | Indy | w Brazil vs Shiek and Kowalski | W Disq |

This may surprise you, but they did (at one time) have matches every week in Indy. Shock.

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| 7 | Louisville | The Shiek | won |
| 61 | St. Louis | w J P Henning vs Medics | won |
| 4 Mar 61 | San Francisco | Ray Stevens | lost |
| 11 Mar | St. Louis TV | Don Lee | won |
| 11 Mar | Columbus | El Diablo | won |
| 11 Mar | Columbus TV | Tiger Severs | won |
| 14 Mar | Indy | The Gauchos | won |
| 17 Mar | St. Louis | w Weaver vs Medics | lost |
| 18 Mar | Columbus | Don Lee Jonothan | won |
| 18 Mar | St. Louis TV | Killer Kowalski | drew |
| 21 Mar | Indy | Bill Miller | won |
| 25 Mar | St. Louis TV | Ray Gordon | won |
| 31 Mar | Atlanta | Dick Afflis | lost |
| 1 Apr | St. Louis TV | w La Rose vs Lee and Hawk | won |
| 7 Apr | St. Louis | Johnny Valentine | drew |
| 8 Apr | Columbus | Karl Gotch | drew |
| 6 Apr | Columbus TV | Lupe Gonzales | won |
| 15 Apr | Columbus | Jerry Graham | won |
| 15 Apr | Columbus TV | Jack Dillon | won |
| 19 Apr | Anderson | Carlos Rodriguez | won |
| 21 Apr | St. Louis | Killer Kowalski | won |
| 22 Apr | San Francisco | Bob Morse | won |
| 29 Apr | Cincinnati | Italian Angel | won |
| 2 May | Indy | w Brazil vs Shire and Neilson | wdisq |
| 9 May | Indy | same as above | lost |
| 10 May | Denver | Killer Kowalski | drew |
| 20 May | San Francisco | Art Neilson | won |
| 23 May | Sioux City | The Shiek | lost |
| 31 May | Sioux City | Pampero Firpo | won |
| 6 June | Indy | The Shiek | won |
| 7 June | Denver | The Shiek | won |
| 10 June | Milwaukee | The Shiek | won |
| 17 June | San Francisco | Ray Stevens | lost |
| 24 June | Milwaukee | won against The Shiek | won |
| 6 July | Kokomo | The Shiek | won |
| 14 July | Detroit | Don Leo Jonothan | drew |
| 22 July | Milwaukee | Dick Afflis | W Disq |
| 31 July | Anderson | El Diablo | won |
| 4 Aug | Indy | Dick Afflis | won |
| 5 Aug | Milwaukee | Dick Afflis | won |
| 10 Aug | Denver | w O'Connor vs Afflis and Kowalski | won |
| 11 Aug | St. Louis | w J.P Henning vs Austin and Valentine | won |
| 12 Aug | San Francisco | Ben Sharpe | won |
| 19 Aug | Milwaukee | Buddy Rogers | lost |
| 25 Aug | Indy | Dick Afflis | lost |
| 25 Aug | Indy TV | Wee Willie Davis | won |
| 26 Aug | Sinsimati | Tony Angelo | won |
| 31 Aug | Denver | Dick Afflis | lost |
| 1 Sept | Atlanta | The Shiek | NC |
| 7 | Milwaukee | w O'Connor vs Afflis and Kowalski | W disq |
| | Atlanta | The Shiek | won |
| | St. Louis TV | Ray Collins | won |
| 11 Sept | Indy | Dick Afflis | lost |
| 15 Sept | Denver | w Eric vs Afflis and Kowalski | lost |
| 16 Sept | St. Louis TV | Don McClarty | won |
| 19 Sept | Los Angeles TV | George Drake | won |
| 22 Sept | St. Louis | Alaskan | won |
| 23 Sept | St. Louis TV | w Bob Graham vs Hawk and Alaskan | won |
| 26 Sept | Indy | Juna Sebastian | won |
| 30 Sept | San Francisco | Herb Gerwig | won |
| 3 Oct | Los Angeles TV | Marquis DeParee | won |
| 6 Oct | St. Louis | Buddy Rogers | lost |
| 30 Sept 61 | St. Louis TV | Chico Garcia | won |

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| 13 Oct | Noblesville | Art Nielson | won |
| 17 Oct | Indy | Fritz Von Erich | won |
| 20 Oct | St. Louis | Hans Herman | won |

above, Garcia wrestled Bob in L.A. on the 3rd. DeParee on the 30th in St. Louis on TV. Sorry.

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| 21 Oct | St. Louis TV | Willie Garrett | won |
| 28 Oct | Los Angeles | Haji Baba | won |
| 31 Oct | Oakland | Haji Baba | won |
| 11 Nov | East Elgin, Nev | Freddie Blassie | won |
| 11 Nov | San Francisco | Ray Stevens | won |
| 13 Nov | Oakland | Ben Sharpe | won |
| 9 Dec | San Francisco | Ray Stevens | lost |
| 11 Dec 61 | Richmond, Cal | Alaskan | won |
| 5 Jan 62 | St. Louis | Buddy Austin | won |
| 6 Jan | St. Louis TV | w JP Henning vs Hawk and Jonothan | drew |
| 11 Jan | Washington TV | w Valentine vs Costello and Heffernan | won |
| 13 Jan | San Francisco | Killer Kowalski | W Disq |
| 25 Jan | Washington TV | Larry Simon | won |
| 30 Jan | Sunnyside | Miguel Torres | won |
| 1 Feb | Washington TV | w Valentine vs Kruger and Atkins | won |
| 12 Feb | The Garden | w Valentine vs Rogers and Orton | won |
| 13 Feb | Sunnyside | Gene, Otto, Hans Kruger?- | won |
| 15 Feb | Washington TV | w Valentine vs Albano and Altemore | won |
| 22 Feb | Washington TV | w Valentine vs Simon and Torres | won |
| 24 Feb | Detroit | w Valentine vs Costello and Heffernan | lost |
| 26 Feb | The Garden | w Valentine vs Rogers and Orton | won |
| 27 Feb | Sunnyside | Lou Albano | won |
| 1 Mar | Washington TV | G,O, H Kruger | won |
| 15 Mar | Washington TV | Lou Albano | won |
| 16 Mar | ST. Louis | w Valentine vs Kocmuka and Hawk | won |
| 19 Mar | The Garden | Buddy Rogers | lost |
| 27 Mar | Sunnyside | w Valentine vs Bernard and Murphy | drew |
| 4 Apr | Kingston | same as above | won |
| 5 Apr | Washington | w Valentine vs Von Hess and Firpo | won |
| 6 Apr | St. Louis | w Gordon vs Kocmuka and Stasiak | ??? |
| 11 Apr | Commack | w Valentine vs Orton and Scott | won |
| 23 Apr | Washington | w Valentine vs Rogers and Scott | won |
| 10 May | Washington TV | Frank Morgan | won |
| 18 May | Baltimore | Pampero Firpo | won |
| 19 May | Sunnyside | w Brazil vs Orton and Altemore | won |
| 25 May | The Garden | Buddy Rogers | drew |
| 26 May | Cincinnati | Ike Eakins | won |
| 14 June | Washington TV | Lou Albano | won |
| 18 June | Perth Amboy | w Valentine vs Scott and Orton | won |
| 19 June | Indy | Jack Steele | won |
| 20 June | Commack | w Valentine vs Orton and Scott | won |
| 22 June | The Garden | Buddy Rogers | lost |
| 26 June | Indy | Ike Eakins | won |
| 13 July | The Garden | w Valentine vs Rogers and Barend | lost |
| 14 July | Detroit | Art Nielson | drew |
| 24 July | The Garden | w Valentine vs Rogers and Barend | lost |
| 10 Aug | St. Louis | Stan Stasiak | won |
| 11 Aug | St. Louis TV | W Valentine vs Orton and Danny Dusek | won |
| 17 Aug | St. Louis | Stan Stasiak | won |
| 8 Sept | St. Louis TV | Don Greene | won |
| 14 Sept | St. Louis | Lou Thesz | W Dissq |
| 4 Oct | Kansas City | Lee Henning | won |
| 5 Oct | St. Louis | Pat O'Connor | drew |
| 15 Nov | Kansas City | Pat O'Connor | drew |
| 16 Nov 62 | St. Louis | Stan Stasiak | won |

"COWBOY" BOB ELLIS

# LIFE RECORD OF BOB ELLIS

| DATE | PLACE | OPPONENT | RESULT |
|---|---|---|---|
| 4 Feb 58 | Colorado Springs | Buddy Rogers | lost |
| 4 Feb | Albuquerque | Dave Sims | lost |
| Mar | Edmonton | Tiger Tasker | ??? |
| 8 Mar | Edmonton | w. Klein vs Ivan and Karel Kalmikoff | lost |
| 4 Mar | Edmonton | Lon Hughes | drew |
| 8 Mar | Calgary | w Klein vs Wright and Paideusis | won |
| Apr | Edmonton | Jim Wright | lost |
| Apr | Regina | Dick Hirtzah | drew |
| Apr | Colorado Springs | Danny Plechas | won |
| 0 Apr | Denver | Hans Schmidt | lost |
| 2 May | Albuquerque | Jerry Weeds | lost |
| 0 May | Berger, Tex | Enrique Romero | drew |
| June | Berger | Bob Geigel | lost |
| 1 June | Berger | Ben Curtis | NC |
| 0 July | Amarillo | Tokyo Joe | lost |
| 8 Sept | Kansas City | Bill Longson | won |
| 9 Sept | St. Joseph | Red McIntyre | won |
| 5 Sept | Kansas City | w Hagen vs Geigel and Longson | won |
| 6 Sept | St. Joseph | Otto Von Krupp | ??? |
| Oct | Kansas City | Bob Geigel | lost |
| Oct | St. Joseph | w Hagen vs Geigel and Atlas | ??? |
| Oct | Kansas City | Bob Geigel | won |
| 0 Oct | St. Joseph | Mighty Atlas | ??? |
| 0 Oct | St. Joseph | w Myers vs Atlas and Geigel | won |
| 6 Oct | Kansas City | Dick Hutton | lost |
| 7 Oct | St. Joseph | w Hagen vs Atlas and Otto Von Krupp | won |
| 3 Oct | Kansas City | Bobby Orton | drew |
| 3 Oct | Kansas City | w Myers vs Orton and Geigel | won |
| 4 Oct | St. Joseph | Bob Geigel | ??? |
| 0 Oct | Kansas City | w Myers vs Orton and Geigel | lost |
| 1 Oct | St Joseph | in tourney won by Geigel for Central States title | |
| 7 Nov | St. Louis | Al Mills | won |
| 7 Nov | St. Louis | w Villmer vs Longevin and Eakins | won |
| 8 Nov | Kansas City | W Willmer vs Orton and Eakins | drew |
| 3 Nov | Kansas City | same as above | won |
| 4 Nov | St. Joseph | Bob Geigel | won |
| 0 Nov | Kansas City | Mighty Atlas | drew |
| 1 Nov | St. Joseph | with Thor Hagen and Ray Villmer vs Geigel, Orton and Lee Henning | ??? |
| 7 Nov | Kansas City | w. Pete Carreon and Joe Scarpa vs Mills, Eakins and Henning | won |
| 8 Nov | St. Joseph | Bob Geigel | won |
| 1 Dec | Kansas City | w Villmer vs Henning and Geigel | won |
| 2 Dec | St. Joseph | Dick Hutton | lost |
| 8 Dec | Kansas City | with Hagen and Bobby Bruns vs Orton, Henning and Atlas | won |
| 9 Dec | St. Joseph | w Myers vs Henning and Orton | ??? |
| 6 Dec 58 | St. Joseph | Carlos Rodriguez | ??? |
| Jan 59 | Kansas City | Dick Hutton | lost |
| 2 Jan | St. Joseph | with Larry and Joe Hamilton vs Atlas, Henning and Orton | won |
| 8 Jan | Kansas City | Dick Hutton | drew |
| 9 Jan | St. Joseph | Lee Henning | won |
| 5 Jan | Kansas City | with Bruns and Billy McDaniels vs Atlas, Henning and Longson | won |
| 6 Jan 59 | St. Joseph | Lee Henning | won |
| 2 Jan | Kansas City | Dick Hutton | lost |
| 3 Jan | St. Joseph | w Joe Hamilton vs Ernie and Emil Dusek | ??? |
| 9 Jan | Kansas City | w Bruns vs Longson and Atlas | ??? |
| 0 Jan | St. Joseph | Dick Hutton | ??? |
| 5 Feb | Kansas City | w Bruns vs Hutton and Atlas | drew |
| 6 Feb | St. Joseph | Mighty Atlas | won |
| 2 Feb | Kansas City | Dick Hutton | ??? |
| 3 Feb | St. Joseph | w Myers vs Hutton and Henning | won |
| 9 Feb | Kansas City | with Bruns and Don Merlin vs Geigel, Henning and Hutton | lost |
| 0 Feb | St. Joseph | Lee Henning | won |
| 6 Feb | Kansas City | w Dino Bravo vs Henning and Atlas | won |
| 5 Mar | Indianapolis | Jack Allen | won |
| 7 Mar | Cincinnati | Baron Gattoni | won |
| 2 Mar | Kansas City | w Bravo vs Atlas and Afflis | drew |
| 3 Mar | St. Joseph | w Bravo vs Henning and Afflis | won |
| 4 Mar | Indianapolis | Dick Afflis | NC |
| 9 Mar | Kansas City | Bob Geigel | won |
| 0 Mar | St. Joseph | Lee Henning | won |
| 8 Mar | Indianapolis | Dick Afflis | Ldisq |
| 7 Apr | St. Joseph | Pat O'Connor | drew |
| 4 Apr | Indianapolis | Dick Afflis | won |
| 7 May | Kansas City | Dick Hutton | won |
| 8 May | St. Joseph | Roy Heffernan | won |
| 5 May | Indianapolis | Dick Afflis | won |
| 9 May | St. Joseph | Otto Von Krupp | ??? |
| 4 June | Indianapolis | Bill Miller | drew |
| 5 June | Kansas City | Otto Von Krupp | won |
| 0 July | Indy | w Snyder vs Poffo and Lubich | won |
| Aug | Cincinnati | w Gagne vs Poffo and Lubich | ??? |
| 6 Aug | Indy | w Snyder vs Stevens and Shires | lost |
| 8 Aug | Indy | Billy McDaniels | won |
| 4 Sept | Indy | Mitsu Arakwa | W Disq |
| Oct | Kansas City | Bill Longson | won |
| 2 Oct | St. Joseph | Pat O'Connor | lost |
| 9 Oct | St. Louis | w Theez vs Hawk and Kiniski | won |
| 2 Oct | Indy | Angelo Poffo | drew |
| 6 Oct | St. Joseph | Stan Liscowski | won |
| 3 Oct | St. Joseph | w Myers vs Hawk and Hunter | won |
| 0 Oct | St. Louis | w Theez vs Hawk and Kiniski | won |
| 6 Nov | St. Joseph | Pat O'Connor | lost |
| 6 Nov | Indy | Gorgeous George | won |
| 3 Nov | St. Joseph | Bob Geigel | lost |
| 7 Nov | St. Louis | w Watson and Ray Gordon vs Hawk, Shibuya and Hutton | won |
| 4 Dec | St. Joseph | Bob Geigel | lost |
| 1 Dec | St. Louis | Don Lee | won |
| 3 Dec | Indy | Gorgeous George | won |
| 5 Dec 59 | Indy | w Eagle vs Shire and Stevens | lost |
| Jan 60 | St. Joseph | w Myers vs Stan L and Henning | ??? |
| 7 Jan | Kansas City | Bob Geigel | won |
| 8 Jan | St. Louis | Kinji Shibuya | won |
| 9 Jan | Cincinnati | Dick Afflis | lost |
| 6 Jan | Indy | w Eagle vs Shire and Stevens | lost |
| 2 Jan | St. Joseph | Lee Henning | lost |
| 8 Jan | Omaha | w Gagne vs Arakawa and Shibuya | won |
| 0 Jan | Indy TV | Wee Willie Davis | won |
| 0 Jan | Indy | Angelo Poffo | won |
| 5 Feb | St. Louis | Pat O'Connor | lost |
| 6 Feb 60 | Indy TV | Buck Lipscomb | won |
| 9 Feb 60 | Dayton | w Black Menace vs Rogers and Siki | lost |
| 1 Feb | Indy | w Eagle vs Arakawa and Shibuya | won |
| 9 Feb | St. Louis | w Myers vs Myaki and Shibuya | won |

Would anyone, besides me, guess that Taro Myaki is Mitsu Arakawa?

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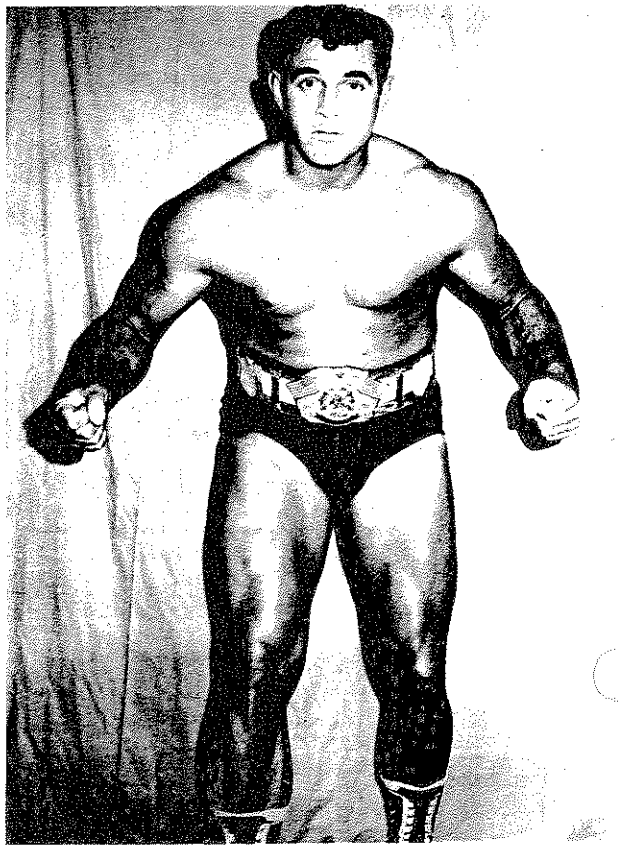
|---|---|---|---|
| 0 Feb | Cincinnati | w Eagle vs Shire and Stevens | won |
| 6 Feb | Indy | w Eagle vs Afflis and Kiniski | lost |
| 7 Feb | St. Louis TV | Taro Myaki | W Disq |
| 4 Mar | St. Louis | Red Sopricn | won |
| 6 Mar | ~~Stockyards~~ TV Omaha | w Liscowski vs Bill Miller | won |
| 1 Mar | St. Joseph | w Myers vs Henning and Geigel | won |
| 2 Mar | Cincinnati | Dick Afflis | lost |
| 2 Mar | Indy TV | Billy McDaniels | won |
| 5 Mar | Indy | w Snyder vs Shire and Stevens | lost |
| 8 Mar | St. Louis | Rip Hawk | won |
| 9 Mar | Indy TV | Gene Kiniski | drew |
| 9 Mar | St. Louis TV | Bob Geigel | won |
| 6 Mar | Indy | Gene Kiniski | W Disq |
| 6 Mar | Indy TV | Wee Willie Davis | won |
| 1 Apr | St. Louis | Nick Roberts | won |
| 2 Apr | Indy TV | w Snyder vs Marin Angelo and Lipscomb | won |
| 2 Apr | St. Louis TV | w Don McClarty vs Kinsiki | L Disq |
| 9 Apr | Indy | w Snyder vs Arakawa and Shibuya | drew |
| 9 Apr | Indy TV | Billy McDaniels | won |
| 9 Apr | St. Louis TV | Hans Herman | won |
| 6 Apr | Cincinnati | w Snyder vs Arakawa and Shibuya | lost |
| 1 Apr | St. Louis | Gene Kiniski | lost |
| 3 Apr | Indy | w Snyder vs Arkawa and Shibuya | won |
| 5 Apr | St. Louis TV | Gino Angelo | won |
| 8 Apr | Kansas City | Lee Henning | won |
| 9 Apr | St. Joseph | Otto Von Krupp | won |
| 0 Apr | Cincinnati | w Snyder and Eric vs Kiniski, Shibuya and Arakawa | won |
| 0 Apr | St. Louis TV | w D McClarty vs Schmidt and Shibuya | W Disq |
| 7 May | Indy | The Shriek | L Disq |
| 3 May | St. Louis | w Watson vs Shibuya and Myaki | won |
| 4 May | Cincinnati | Dick Afflis | won |
| 7 May | Indy | The Shiek | L Disq |
| 0 May | St. Joseph | Pat O'Connor | NC |
| 1 May | Omaha | Gene Kiniski | won |
| 4 May | Indy | The Shiek | won |
| 5 May | Milwaukee | Dick Afflis | L Disq |
| 1 May | Indy | w Snyder vs Shiek and Kiniski | lost |
| 3 June | St. Louis TV | w George and Sandy Scott vs Hawk, Hunter and Kiniski | lost |
| 4 June | Cincinnati | w Snyder vs Afflis and Shiek | lost |
| 6 June | Columbus | Dick Afflis | L Disq |
| 7 June | Indy | w Snyder vs Shiek and Kiniski | won |
| 0 June | Milwaukee | Dick Afflis | lost |
| 4 June | Indy | w Snyder vs Medics | won |
| 4 June | Milwaukee | Dick Afflis | lost |
| 2 July | Indy | Dick Afflis | lost |
| 6 July | Indy TV | Bad Boy Joe | won |
| 9 July | Indy | Dick Afflis | W Disq |
| 3 July | Omaha | Otto Von Krupp | W Disq |
| 1 July | St. Louis TV | Don Lee | won |
| 3 Aug | St. Louis TV | Pedro Godoy | won |
| 8 Aug | St. Louis | Gene Kiniski | won |
| 0 Aug | Cincinnati | w Brazil vs Shibuya and Arakawa | won |
| 6 Sept | Indy | Angelo Poffo | drew |
| 8 Sept 60 | New Orleans | Dick Afflis | lost |



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| 7 Dec 62 | St. Louis | Lou Thesz | ??? |
| 8 Jan Dec 62 | Waterloo | Pat O'Connor | lost |
| Jan 63 | Plainview, Tex | Dory Funk Sr | ??? |
| 6 Jan | Omaha | Bobby Orton | won |
| 8 Jan | San Angelo, Tex | w Funk vs Mephisto and Kox | ??? |
| 9 Jan | Lubbock | Karl Kox | won |
| 10 Jan | Amarillo | Fritz Von Erich | ??? |
| 12 Jan | Plainview | with Funk and Ricky Romero vs Ben Ali, Kox and Jack Dalton | won |
| n | Plainview | Jack Dalton | L disq |
| n | Abilene | Don Duffy | won |
| an | Lubbock | w Carlson vs DiBiase and Duffy | ??? |
| 23 Jan | Tampa | w Eric vs Godoy and Simon | won |
| 16 Mar | San Francisco | Bill Wright | won |
| 19 Mar | Long Beach | Don Duffy | won |
| 4 June | Indy | Dick Afflis for U.S. title | won |
| 8 June | Detroit | Waldo Von Erich | won |
| 11 June | Indy | Dick Afflis | lost |
| 15 June | St. Louis | w HP Henning vs Hunter and Hawk | won |
| 24 June | Ft. Worth | Mark Lewin | won |
| 25 June | Dallas | w Gomez vs Donovan and Mewin | NC |
| 26 June | Dallas TV | Stu Gibson | W Disq |
| 26 June | New Orleans | Dick Afflis | L Disq |
| 3 July | San Antonio | Mark Lewin | L Disq |
| 8 Aug | Austin, tourney | Great Dane | won |
| | | Mark Lewin | lost |
| 12 Aug | Ft. Worth | Lou Thesz | lost |
| 13 Aug | Dallas | w Starr vs Jim and Jack Dalton | won |
| 14 Aug | Dallas TV | Great Dane | won |
| 14 Aug | San Antonio | Jack Donovan | won |
| 14 Aug | San Antonio | w Enrique Guzman vs Jim and Jack Dalton | won |
| 16 Aug | Houston | Lou Thesz | lost |
| 19 Aug | Ft. Worth | w Nick Kozak vs Louis and Jean Tillet | drew |
| 20 Aug | Dallas | Louie Tillet | won |
| 21 Aug | Dallas TV | Stu Gibson | drew |
| 21 Aug | San Antonio | Mark Lewin | won |
| 23 Aug | St. Louis | w Blanchard vs Stasiak and Hunter | won |
| 24 Aug | Waterloo | Moose Cholak | won |
| 25 Aug | Waterloo TV | Ray Collins | won |
| 27 Aug | Dallas | W Starr vs Tillets | drew |
| 30 Aug | Houston | Mark Lewin | drew |
| 12 Sept | Norfolk | Joe Tamasso | won |
| 14 Sept | Raleigh | Rip Hawk | won |
| 16 Sept | Charlotte | George Harris | won |
| 17 Sept | Raleigh | Aldo Bogni | won |
| 19 Sept | Richmond | w Weaver vs Chris and John Tolos | won |
| 20 Sept | St. Louis | w Blanchard and O'Connor vs Stasiak, Hawk and Miller | won |
| 3 Oct | Norfolk | Rip Hawk | drew |
| 10 Oct | Norfolk | w Weaver vs Hawk and Hunter | won |
| 17 Oct | Norfolk | same as above | lost |
| 21 Oct | Sunnyside | Bill Osborne | won |
| 25 Oct | St. Louis | Dick Afflis | won |
| 8 Nov | St. Louis | w Von Erich vs Dick Afflis | won |
| 22 Nov | St. Louis | w Snyder and JP Henning vs Afflis, Hawk and Miller | won |
| 6 Dec | St. Louis | w JP Henning vs Hawk and Miller | ??? |
| 27 Dec 63 | St. Louis | Rip Hawk | won |
| 64 | St. Louis | W JP Henning vs Fritz Von Erich | won |
| an 64 | Norfolk | w Weaver vs Assassins | won |
| 17 Jan | St. Louis | Fritz Von Erich | won |
| 4 Feb | Raleigh | w Weaver vs Bogni and Lubich | won |
| 6 Feb | Norfolk | same as above | won |
| 7 Feb | St. Louis | w Valentine vs Hawk and Miller | won |
| 18 Feb | Tampa | w E Graham vs Orton and Malenko | won |
| 21 Feb | Tampa TV | Frank Valois | won |
| 21 Feb | St. Louis | Fritz Von Erich | lost |
| 25 Feb | Tampa | w Graham vs Bernard and Murphy | lost |
| 3 Mar | Tampa | Bobby Orton | won |
| 10 Mar | Tampa | Hans Schmidt | won |
| 15 Mar | Tampa TV | Duke Keomuka | won |
| 17 Mar | Tampa | Hiro Matsuda | lost |
| 20 Mar | Tampa TV | Pedro Godoy | won |
| 24 Mar | Tampa TV (live, sorry) | w Woods vs Matsuda and Keomuka | lost |
| 27 Mar | Tampa TV | Duke Hoffman | won |
| 31 Mar | Tampa | Duke Keomuka | won |
| 7 Apr | Tampa | w Woods vs Matsuda and Keomuka | lost |
| 14 Apr | Tampa | w Hon Curtis vs Keomuka and Matsuda | won |
| 21 Apr | Tampa | Bobby Orton | W Disq |
| 24 Apr | Tampa TV | Tom Bradley | won |
| 28 Apr | Tampa | Bobby Orton | won |
| 30 Apr | Jacksonville | w Graham vs Orton and Malenko | ??? |
| 5 May | Tampa | w Carreon vs Chris and John Tolos | W Disq |
| 7 May | Jacksonville | Bobby Orton | ??? |
| 12 May | Tampa | Tinker Todd | L Disq |
| 13 May | Sarasota | w Woods vs Orton and Antone Leone | L Disq |
| 14 May | Jacksonville | Bobby Orton | lost |
| 16 May | Lakeland | w Curtis vs Chris and John Tolos | W Disq |
| 19 May | Tampa | TinkerTodd | won |
| 21 May | Jacksonville | Hiro Matsuda | won |
| 22 May | Tampa TV | Boby Orton | W Disq |
| 25 May | Largo | Bobby Orton | won |
| 26 May | Tampa | w Graham vs Orton and Leone | lost |
| 28 May | Jacksonville | same as above | won |
| 29 May | Indy | w Snyder vs Nicoli Vulkoff and Poffo | L Disq |
| 1 June | Orlando | w Graham vs Orton and Leone | lost |
| 2 June | Tampa | Antone Leone | won |
| 4 June | Tampa TV | Bobby Orton | won |
| 27 June | San Francisco | Rocky Montero | won |
| 8 July | Los Angles | Nikita Malkovitch and Robt Duranton | won |
| 15 July | Los Angeles | Chief Ava | won |
| 22 July | Los Angeles | Rip Hawk | won |
| 27 July | Los Angeles TV | Rip Hawk | won |
| 5 Aug | Destroyer | Los Angeles, goofed | won |
| 12 Aug | Los Angeles | Destroyer | won |
| 19 Aug | Los Angeles | Mike O'leary | won |
| 26 Aug | Los Angeles | Dick Afflis | won |
| 2 | Los Angeles | Don Duffy | won |
| 1 | Los Angeles | Destroyer | ??? |
| 1 | Los Angeles | Don Duffy | won |
| 19 Sept | San Francisco | Buddy Austin | won |
| 28 Sept | Pasadena | Chris Hardy | won |
| 30 Sept | Los Angeles | w Cody vs Destroyer and Haggerty | drew |
| 9 Oct | Los Angeles | Freddie Blassie | W Disq |
| 12 Oct | Pasadena | Kit Fox | won |
| 14 Oct | Los Angeles TV | Jerry Rose | won |
| 23 Oct | Los Angeles | Freddie Blassie | lost |
| 24 Oct | Pleasanton | The Spoiler | won |
| 4 Nov | Los Angeles TV | Boris Kameroff | won |
| 6 Nov 64 | Los Angeles | Freddie Blassie | W Disq |
| 12 Nov 64 | Hollywood | Ripper Collins | won |
| 18 Nov | Los Angeles TV | w Carpentier vs Body and Galarza | won |
| 20 Nov | Los Angeles | w Carpentier vs Collins and Haggerty | won |
| 26 Nov | Sacramento | Kinji Shibuya | lost |
| 28 Nov | San Francisco | w Snyder vs Stevens and Mancukian | lost |
| 9 Dec | Los Angeles | w Carpentier vs Haggerty and Destroyer | won |
| 16 Dec 64 | Los Angeles | in royls won by Carpentier | |
| 8 Jan 65 | Sydeny | Ray Stevens | won |
| 15 Jan | Sydney | Mongolian Stomper | won |
| 22 Jan | Sydney | w DeNucci vs Stevens and Kowalski | ??? |
| 25 Feb | Dallas, tourney | Corsica Jean | won |
| | | Louie Tillet | won |
| | | Frank Sheids | L Disq |
| 24 Feb | San Antonio | Quasimoto | won |
| 26 Feb | Houston | Ciclon Negro | won |
| 27 Feb | Dallas TV | Quasimoto | won |
| 1 Mar | Ft. Worth | w Apollo vs Shields and Kox | won |
| 2 Mar | Dallas | Frank Shields | won |
| 3 Mar | San Antonio | Ike Eakins | won |
| 4 Mar | Houston | Karl Kox | drew |
| 8 Mar | Ft. Worth | Karl Kox | drew |
| 9 Mar | Dallas | w Ladd vs Sheilds and Kox | won |
| 12 Mar | Houston | Ciclon Negro | ??? |
| 15 Mar | Ft. Worth | Ivan the Terrible | won |
| 16 Mar | Dallas | Karl Kox | drew |
| 19 Mar | Houston | Corsica Joe | won |
| 24 Mar | San Antonio | w Apollo vs Kox and Negro | lost |
| 27 Mar | Chicago | Jack Wilson | won |
| 29 Mar | Ft. Worth | w Negro vs Daltons | W Disq |
| 29 Mar | Ft. Worth | Jack Dalton | drew |
| 30 Mar | Dallas | Karl Kox | drew |
| 2 Apr | Houston | Karl Kox | drew |
| 5 Apr | Ft. Worth | Karl Kox | NC |
| 6 Apr | Dallas | Chris Tolos | won |
| 7 Apr | San Antonio | Karl Kox | drew |
| 9 Apr | St. Louis | w JP Henning and O'Connor vs Von Erich, Schmidt and Kinisk | won |
| 12 Apr | Ft. Worth | Karl Kox | drew |
| 14 Apr | San Antonio | w Ladd vs Kox and Negro | lost |
| 14 Apr | San Antonio | Karl Kox | drew |
| 16 Apr | Houston | Chris Tolos | W Disq |
| 24 Apr | Dallas TV | Jim Dalton | won |
| 26 Apr | Ft. Worth | Dutch Savage | won |
| 27 Apr | Dallas | Tony Borne | ??? |
| 30 Apr | Indy | w Snyder and Afflis vs Von Brauners and Valentine | won |
| 1 May | Dallas TV | Ike Eakins | won |
| 7 May | Houston | w White Wolf vs Daltons | won |
| 15 May | Indy | w Snyder vs Valentine and Kiniski | ??? |
| 25 May | Dallas | w Ladd vs Borne and Karlson | won |
| 9 June | Austin | w White Wolf vs Lewin and McShane | won |
| 26 July | Ft. Worth | Karl Kox | won |
| 2 Aug | Ft. Worth | Fritz Von Erich | drew |
| 3 Sept | Dallas | w Inoki vs Lewin and Tillet | won |
| 7 Sept | Vancouver | Mighty Ursus | won |
| 21 Sept | Sedalia | Paul Caruso | won |
| 25 Sept | St. Joseph TV | Caruso and Hickey | won |
| 26 Sept | Cedar Rapids | Bob Geigel | won |
| 27 Sept | Wichita | Bob Geigel | won |
| 30 Sept | Kansas City | w Brazil vs Brown and Geigel | lost |
| 2 Oct | Kansas City TV | Joe Millich | won |
| 9 Oct | Detroit | Dennis Hall | won |
| 14 Oct 65 | Windsor TV | Yellow Jacket | won |

There is little doubt that Bob Ellis is one of the greatest wrestlers in the world today. On the record just previous, he met a total of 193 different men, and won 327 matches against only 102 losses. His opponents, for the most part, were top men. He had very few "easy touches" among them. He had 50 different tag partners during that time, including14 men who held either the world title or the U.S. title. He appeared in 74 different cities during that time in 26 different states or provinces, and in three countires, four if you count Texas. He appeared almost everywhere, and against virtually every top man in the world of wrestling, and won about 75 per cent of his matches. Few people could equal that record.

Below is an alphabetical list of all the men against whom Ellis wrestled. You have to really see this to beleive the quality of men who appeared against him.

Dick Afflis
Alaskan
Lou Albano
Shiek Ben Ali
Jack Allen
Italian Angel
Gino Angelo
Marin Angelo
Mitsu Arakwa
Assassins
Fred Atkins
Mighty Atlas
Tony Altemore
Buddy Austin
Chief Ava
Hajii Baba
Johnny Barend
Freddie Blassie
Aldo Bogni
Tony Borne
Tom Bradley
Bob Brown
Paul Caruso
Moose Cholak
Bud Cody
Ray Collins
Rip Collins
Al Costello
Don Curtis
Jack Dalton
Jim Dalton
Great Dane
Willie Davis
Marquis DeParee
Destroyer
El Diablo
Mike DiBiase
Jack Dillon
Jack Donovan
George Drake
Don Duffy
Robert Duranton
Danny Dusek
Emil Dusek
Ernie Dusek
Ike Eakins
Pampero Firpo
Kit Fox
Dery Funk Sr
Tony Galarza
Chico Garcia
Willie Garrett
Gachos
Bob Geigel
Gorgeous George
Herb Gerwig
Stu Gibson
Pedro Godoy
Lupe Gonzalez
Ray Gordon
Karl Gotch
Jim Grabmire
Jerry Graham
Don Greene
Hardboiled Haggerty
Dennis Hall
Chris Hardy
George Harris
Rip Hawk
Roy Heffernan
Lee Henning
Hans Herman
Frank Hickey
Duke Hoffman
Dick Hrstich
Len Hughes
Rock Hunter
Dick Hutton
Yellow Jacket
Greg Jarque
Corsica Jean
Bad Boy Joe
Corsica Joe
Tokyo Joe
Don Leo Jonothan
Ivan Kalmikoff
Karol Kalmikoff
Ivan Kameroff
Karl Karlsen
Duke Keomuka
Gene Kiniski
Killer Kowalski
Stan Kowalski
Karl Kox
Otto Kruger
Don Lee
Antone Leone
Mark Lewin
Stan Lisowski
Gene Lipscomb
Legs Longevin
Bill Longson
Ray Lopez
Bronco Lubich
Red Lyons
Great Malenko
Don Manoukian
Medics
Great Mephisto
Bill Miller
Joe Millich
Al Mills
Rocky Montero
Frank Morgan
Bob Morse
Nikita Mulkovitch
Matt Murphy
Taro Myaki
Don McClarty
Bill McDaniels
Red McIntyre
Danny McShane
Art Neilson
Ciclon Negro
Tony Nero
Pat O'Connor
Mike O'Keary
Bobby Orton
Red Osborne
Danny O'Shocker
Mike Paidousis
Danny Plechas
Angelo Poffo
Quasimoto
Nick Roberts
Carlos Rodriguez
Buddy Rogers
Enrique Romero
Jerry Rose, not Toni
Dutch Savage
Hans Schmidt
Scorpion
Great Scott
Juan Sebastian

Tiger Severs
Ben Sharpe
Kinji Shibuya
Sheik
Frank Shields
Roy Shires
Regi Siki
Larry Simon
Stan Stasiak
Jack Steele
Ray Stevens
Stomper
Tiger Tasker
Ivan the Terrible
Lou Thesz
Jean Tillet
Louis Tillet
Tinker Todd
Chris Tolos
John Tolos
Joe Tomasso
Miguel Torres
Mighty Ursus
Johnny Valentine
Mike Valentino
Frank Valois
Karl Von Brauner
Kurt Von Brauner
Fritz Von Erich
Waldo Von Erich
Hans Von Goering
Karl Von Hess
Otto Von Krupp
Nicoli Vulkoff
Jack Wilson
Jerry Woods
Jim Wright

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RESULTS FROM THE AWA

22 July. INDIANAPOLIS TV. Ringo W Corsica Joe. Angelo Poffo W Mark Starr. Jack Lanza W Joe Tomasso. Dick Afflis and Moose Cholak W Mitsu Arakawa and Tor Yamata.
28 July. CHICAGO. Verne Gagne D Lou Thesz. Lanza D Johnny Powers. Cora Combs W Sarah Swan. Valentine W Rene Goulet. Wilbur Snyder vs Destroyer, dual disq. Poffo and Chris Markoff W Lisowski and Afflis disq.
29 July. MAPLEWOOD, MINN. Ed Sharkey W Mike Murlowski. Powers W Earl Maynard. Goulet D Valentine. Henning and Race NC Afflis and Lisowski.
5 August. MINNEAPOLIS. Gagne, Lisowski and Goulet W Henning, Race and Powers. Goulet D Steve Druk. Markoff W Bob Hirsch. Stan Kowalski D Sharkey. Al Kashey W Paul Caruso.
11 Aug. DAVID CITY, NEBR. Doug Gilbert W Dale Lewis. Bobby Orton W Jack Pesek. Reg Parks won royal over above.
12 Aug. OMAHA. Gagne W Oeton. Parks D Arakawa. Little Cloud W Verne Bottoms. Gilbert and Parks W Lewis and Arakawa.
19 Aug. LINCOLN. Ron Reed W Stan Kowalski. Little Cloud W Betty Nicoli. Lewis W Steve Bolus. Gilbert D Orton.
19 Aug. MINNEAPOLIS. Sharkey W Starr. Goulet W Pesek. Igor and Kashey W Henning and Race, non-title. Igor NC Powers.
21 Aug. OMAHA TV. Orton W Rick Miller. Bob Ellis W Stan Kowalski. Gilbert and Parks W Chuck Adcock and Jose Quintero. Lewis W Frank Altman.

Al Kashey, from Phoenix, Arizona, has just returned to the ring wars, but from where, I am not sure. The best guess would be that he has been working in Mexico; this is an informed guess, but only that. New arrivals like Igor, probably Ivan Kalmikoff Al Kashey, plus the transfers of Mark Starr, Jack Pesek and Mitsu Arakawa will all help the area. Igor, especially, is one of the all time favourites and will be welcomed with open arms.

The area has been peiking up a great deal since the re-arrival of Powers, Valentine, Thesz, Goulet and other of the top favourites. With the new bunch, things should really be humming. Gilbert and Parks are now the mid-western tag champs by virtue of their win over Lewis and Arakawa. Both good, young wrestlers, they should be able to hold the title a long time against the opposition now around. Afflis and Lisowski, still feuding with Herning and Race, are the mostpopular tag team around, beating only Verne Gagne for top honors in ppulairity. and Spelling. And typing. Jack Lanza, a villian in Indianapolis, still seems to be a hero in Chicago and Minneapolis. And Harley Race has ditched his non-bleach blonde hair and is now wearing "RED" hair. I guess this goes any chance of me getting a job as his hairdresser.

A new man, Brute Rogowski, is due in the area. Billed as being from Reno, Nevada, his weight reminds me a a bit of Don Manoukian. Let me know what he looks like, and.....

QUIZ

1, There are 22 "brother" teams currently wrestling. Name them.

2, Man men have come into wrestling from other sports. Name the sport for the following men:

a, Primo Carnera
b, Gene Kiniski
c, Big Ku
d, Ed Carpentier
e, Don Eagle

3, Name the country from which the following originate:

a, Chris Markoff
b, Johnny Czeslaw
c, Fred Atkins
d, Roy St. Clair
e, Pat O'Connor

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Answers to last months quiz.

1, Name the promoters of the following cities: Seattle, Harry Elliot; Philadelphia, Ray Fabiani; Toronto, Frank Tunney; Montreal, Legs Longevin; Newark, Willie Gilzenberg.

2, Titles; tell who each beat for their current title: Bruno Sammartino beat Buddy Rogers; Mike DiBiase, who no longer has the title, beat Kintaro Oki; Jack Donovan bea Pat O'Connor; Frank Scarpa beat Hans Schmidt in the final of a tourney; Billy Robinson beat Billy Joyce.

3, Aliases; name 9 people who have wrestled as the Medic: Pierre DeGalne, Tony and Jesse Jiminez, Pedro Godoy, Juan Sebastian, Don Ellis, John Higgins, Johnny Karr, Herb Larsen.

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This months quiz, there is a total of 32 points. A passing mark would be around 25 as this is an easy one. For those who get 30 or more, youse is a wrestling genius & really know your onions. For those getting between 25 and 30, your about average. If you get less than 20, boobies, youse is in trouble and are still the favourites of all promoters; that is to say, you are stupid.

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There are so many ways in this tired old world to make life interesting, and the first of these is to like villian wrestlers, and dislike most of the heros types. I have found the majority of villians to be warm, nice, down to earth people when they leave the ring and the crowds, while some of the heros types seem to feel that we fans should treat them as though they walk on water. The only wrestlers who really like and enjoy fans, or fan clubs, are those men and women who are either, villians, young men starting out, veterans of long standing. Find a villian who has been around for 15 or 20 years, and you find a sweet, nice, friendly person. This is the same for men of 2 or 3 years tenure in the ring.

There are, of course, exceptions to this rule. There are a couple of villians I can name who are every bit as "aloff" as most heroic types. While there are some heros who have gone out of their way miles and miles just to deliver a new picture to their clubs. In short, the exceptions have made the rule above.

As for me and my favourites, tho, give me some joker like Tony Nero, Thunderbolt Patterson, Rocky Montero, Chuck Karbo, The Duke, and others like them.

Many of the men against whom Bob Ellis wrestled have appeared under other ring names from time to time. With this in mind, below is a list of men who have appeared either with Ellis as a tag partner or against him; following each is other names he has used.

Karol Kalmikoff.....Karol Krauser
Dick Hristch.....Ray Gordon
Jerry Woods.....El Shereef
Don Curtis.....Don Beitelman
Otto Von Krupp.....Clyde Steeves
Mighty Atlas.....Morris Shapiro
Bobby Orton.....El Toro
Lee Henning.....The Avenger
Gino Angelo.....Russian Beast
Medics.....Sebastian and Godoy
Mike Valentino.....Baron Scicluna
Pampero Firpo.....Ivan the Terrible
Karl Gotch.....Karl Krauser, Karel Istatz
Alaskan.....Jay York
Larry Simon.....Great Malenko
Dory Funk Sr.....The Outlaw
Great Dane.....John Danti
George Harris.....Baby Blimp
Tony Galrza.....Mummy
Frank Shields.....Boston Crusher
Jack Wilson.....Karl von Brawner
Dutch Savage.....Dutch Schultz
Larry Hamilton.....Casey McShane
Bobby Graham.....Goliath
Ed Carpentier.....Eddie Wiecz
Kanji Inoki.....Little Tokyo

Baron Gattoni...Rento Montana, Nikita Kalmikoff
Bill Miller.....Mister X, Doctor X
Ray Stevens, Ray Shires
Roy hires.....Roy Stevens
Gene Kiniski....Gene Kelly
Stan Lisowski...Stan Holleck
Scorpion.....Nick Roberts
Nikita Mulkovitch.Nikita Kalmikoff
Fritz Von Erich...Jack Adkisson
Hetb Gerwig.....Karl Kox
El Diablo.....Bozo Brown, Frank Hickey
Ben Sharpe..Executioner
Freddie Blassie...Freddie McDaniels
Don Greene.....Don Blassie
Don Duffy.....Baby Destroyer
Jean Tillet.....Terry Garvin
Duke Hoffman.....Bob Leipler
Don Manoukian.....The Crusher
Ciclon Negro .....Braka Cortez, Lalo Rodriguez
Sonny Myers.....Sonny Weaver, the Bear
G y LaRose.....Ovila Asselin, Bobby Brown
Tim Woods.....Mister Wrestling
Don DeNucci.....Dominic Bravo

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There is much reason to beleive that Dino Bravo is currently wrestling in AWA lan under an alias. I can not mention his name as I am not sure, but he recently turned from hero to villian. The current Mummy I think is Galarza rather than Jiminez. Many other men in his record appeared under other names, but they are either better known under the current name or appeared in only one or two matches under the alias; in any case, I did not include all that I know.

While speaking of aliases, there is a man currently in AWA land wrestling as the "Masked Man". Featuring the figure four leg lock, he has had some wild clashes thus far with Gagne and others on TV. I don't know for sure who he is, but isn't it strange that the Destroyer has disappeared?

The Ray Collins mentioned in Ellis' record is the Rip Collins now in Honolulu and Oregon on occassions. There have been two or three different men using the name or close variations, and it is not always easy to keep track of them all. Ray Collins is Ripper Collins, is Rip Collins, but not the Rip of Hillbillie fame.

A complete list of every alias ever used by every man would fill this entire bulletin. I do not include all of them for the sole purpose that they are not of sufficient interest. Okay?

Ivan the Terrible, there have been at least three of. Don Lee did the bit for a while, as did Firpo. The one here, tho, I think is Firpo that is why I included that ino. Lee was an earlier Ivan. There have also been at least two different men using the name Otto Von Krupp. Both Steeves and Larry Simon did the bit, but the one who Bob went against was Steeves. Names are muchly fun; especially trying to decide who is who and wehn.

RESULTS FROM THE SOUTHWEST

19 July. LAS VEGAS. Pattie O'Hara vs Supersonic Spacelady. Destroyer vs Lou Thesz. Pearlie Behn vs Jane Sherril. Karl Kox vs Pedro Morales.
6 Aug. NOGALLES, MEXICO TV. Chuck Karbo W Jerry Usher. Luis Martinez W Gypsy Biviano. Gene Dubuque and Karl Von Miller W Pete Brummett and Mike Kelly.
8 Aug. TUCSON. Ray Valdez D Ray Gordon. Joe Jobe W Brummett. Yasahara W Biviano. Pancho Pico W Kelly. Martinez W El Mongul. Karbo and Don Kent W Dubuque and Von Miller for tag title.
17 Aug. FORT HUACHUCA, ARIZ. Violet Ray W Mario Fernandez. Fernandez won battle royal. Pat Clancy W John Ringo, in boy versus girl match. Clancy and Bat Girl W Scorpion and Fernandez. Note this card for comments below.

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Time for comments on it. The vast majority of wrestling in the U.S. is controlle by state athletic commissions. There are a few states that do not have them, but they are in a minority. As you may have guessed from the last issue, I do not care for them, as I feel that many of the ills of wrestling today can be laid at their door step. But even in states where the commiosions are strongest, there are places where they have no control, one one of them is on land owned by the federal government. In such places, like army camps, wrestling matches can be held without sanction by the commissions. Thus the indopendandt group above held those matches, with some of the wilder aspects, without having to get an okay from the State.

Such matches can be held almost everywhere, just so long as it is on grounds that are owned by Unsle Samuel. Even in New York and some of the other really commisionized states.

Pat Clancy is the one armed girl who was fe atured in a recent story in Wrestling Revue. She wrestled Ringo, a man weighing in at about 140 or so. Also appeared in the tag match and the battle royal. Violet Ray has also been featured in Revue and in MATMANIA. All of the girls involved are better than average, but, because they work for independant promoters, have never gotten their just due.

Chuck Karbo and Don Kent are the new tag champs via beating Dubuque and Von Miller above. This is about the tenth title change in as many weeks, it seems. Almost every team who appears there have picked up the title for a spell. Karbo and Kent are both good wrestlers, so I imagine they will hold on to it for a while.

Luis Martinez is the area's U.S. champ beating Don Arnold for the title. Luis, one of the best wrestlers around of Mexican extraction, is one of the wildest, most exciting men I have ever seen in wrestling. A good wrestler with a wide variety of holds, he should reign long.

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I can tell you little about this next item mainly because I know very little. There is one area in the country which has long been one of the tops in the world of wrestling. Parts of it, tho, in recent months, has gone down hill and many of the cities have had declines. They still outdraw many another area, even with this decline. A new group of men have been contracting with some of the smaller cities to move in and set up a rival promotional group. They will hit the smaller cities in the area in question, have TV outlets in the larger cities, plus some of the smaller arenas in the largest cities involved.

I can do no more now than wet your appetites on this info. Partly because I have strict orders not to divulge more, and partly because I do not know more. I can not even mention the area, but there is going to be some wild wrestling around very soon. I <u>love</u> promotional wars between two very strong broups.

RESULTS FROM CALIFORNIA AND HAWAII

2 Aug. HONOLULU. Billy White Wolf W Curtis Laukea. Rip Collins D Pat O'Connor. Ray Stevens and Pat Patterson W Johnny Barend and Jim Hady disq. Nick Kozak and Eric Froelich W Stroheims. Pedro Morales W Hans Mortier. Dutch Schultz W Beauregarde.
2 Aug. LOS ANGLEIES. Ron Romano D Clyde Steeves. Don Jardine D Vic Rivera. Mark Lewin W Johnny Karr. Ton Anderews W Ciclon Negro disq. Mister Moto and Nick Bockwinkle W Karl Gotch and Mike DiBiase disq.
5 Aug. FRESNO. J. Karr W Woody Farmer. Paul Diamond W Andrews. Patterson W Dave Cox. Don DeNucci W Don Duffy. Stevens W Negro. Pepper Gomez W Enforcer #22222.
8 Aug. FRESNO TV. Duffy WCox. Stevens and Patterson W Lou Whitson and Diamond. Karr D Andrews.
9 Aug. HONOLULU. White Wolf W Fujiwara disq. Schultz D Kozak. Collins, Schultz an Laukea W Barend, Hady and Lord Blears. Collins W Froelich. Kathy Starr W Jessica Rogers in defense of her U.S. belt.
11 Aug. LOS ANGELES. DiBiase W Lewin. Gomez W Jardine. Patterson W Moto. DeNucci W Steeves. Bockwinkle D Rivera. Gotch D Morales.
25 Aug. LOS ANGLS. Buddy Austin W DiBiase for WWA belt. Blassie W Lewin for the Americas title. Saguchi D Pierre LaBelle in a judo match. Bockwinkle D Morales. Gotch W Moto. Rivera W Tony Nero.

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Southern California got three new arrivals in; Austin, Freddie Blassie and Nero. All are good men, and all will be welcomed into an area where they already have more good men than any other around. The other two areas, well they got Patterson a few weeks ago. Ignore the rest.

Who is the most famous car salesman in wrestling? Who is it that has held the WWA title more times than anyone else? Who is it that drew the largest gate in the history of Jersey City? And who is it that is going to set Los Angeles right back on the top of wrestling? All the same man; Freddie Blassie. Out of wrestling for a few months due to injuries, he has forged back into the title pictures as few men have ever done before. In just three short weeks since his return, he has beaten Nick Bockwinkle in two straight falls, beaten Mike DiBiase also in two straight, ditto Vic Rivera, and Woody Farmer. Then he beat the tar out of Lewin, winning the match and the title from Lewin in a death match. Bobbies, that is some wild wrestling. It is great to have a top pro back with us. Blassie is just that: a top notcher in every way. Welcome to the King.

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There are two areas in the country where they continually get new, top talent. The areas involved also have the best average of attendance week in and week out. I speak, of course, of southern California and of Texas. The two areas work closely together, exchanging talent, what with DiBiawe, Bernard, Kox, Lewin, and Austin all traveling back and forth. It is a shame that more areas do not follow the lead of these two and work some type of arraingement. It would help everyone concerned, especially the promoter.

Sigh !!!!!!

Watch for an Austin Blassie fight coming up soon. Bitter enemies in times past, they will make one great battle. Also watch for them to tag team and go against Ray and Pat. It should be interesting. I wonder if the fans down in L.A. have fallen in love with Tony Nero yet. He is a wild one in the ring, and has everything it takes, except ability, to hit the very top of the heap. A fast man for one of his size (270) as ruff as they come, and with a hide as tuff as an elephant, some peole have been unkind enuff to say he looks like one. Quite a guy, Tony is; quite a guy.

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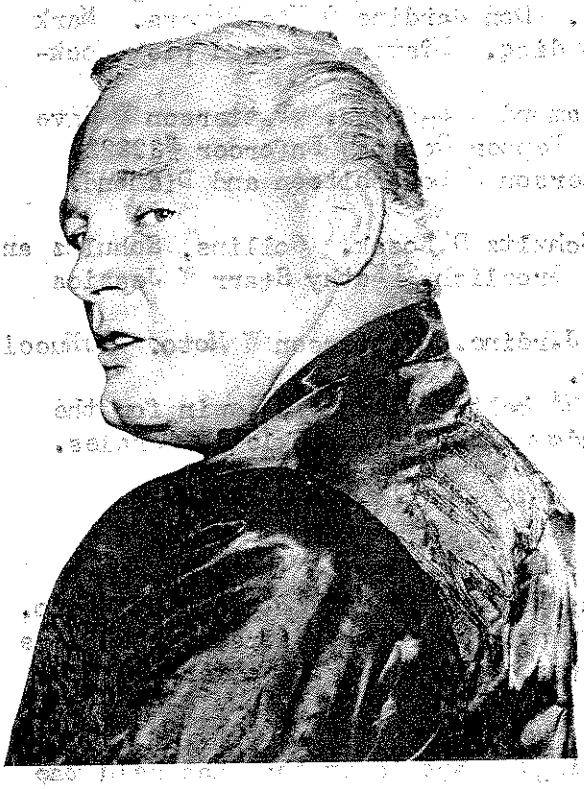
SPOTLIGHT ON A STAR



BUDDY AUSTIN

An expectant hush fell over the fans in the huge Auditorium; the main event was about to start and they were saving their collective energies and voices so that they could give full power to the hatred they felt for the Killer. And here he came, striding down the aisle, oblivious to the bitter stares and the distinctfully unfiriendly atmostphere. Legs encased in full length black wrestling tights, a blue wind breaker wrapped around his broad shoulders and massive chest, his blond hair neatly combed straight back, few could doubt that here was the most despised man in wrestling today, Killer Buddy Austin.

Born and raised in St. Louis, Buddy has toured the world of wrestling, meeting and beating some of the greatest wrestlers in the field. With his patented back breaker across his knee, with his knee drop to the throat or lower back, he has left a collection of broken and bruised bodies everywhere he has wrestled. His style has made friends for him and influenced people in a way unheard of by Dale Carnegie.

The Man with the Golden Knee has long been recognized as one of the greatest in the field of wrestling. And well he should be, what with wins over such men as the Destroyer, Haystacks Calhoun, Mark Lewin, Mister Moto, Buddy Moreno, Waldo Von Erich, Karl Kox, Jack Brisco, Joe Scarpa, Buddy Rogers, Great Scott, Bob Boyer, Bobo Brazil, Tarzan Zorra, Pedro Morales, and many other top notch men.

Currently the WWA champion, having beaten Mike DiBiase for the title on the 25th of August, Buddy is once again showing the fans of Southern California why he richly deserves the title of "The Killer".

There is little doubt that Austin deserves a spot among the best of wrestling. As rough and unscrupolous as he is in the ring, he wins the vast majority of his matches, even though some of his tactics are straight out of the Stone Age.

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At some time in the not too distant future, we will be doing the life history of Buddy Austin. Holder of the Texas title, a past co-holder of the Wrold Tag Title, a top notcher in every way, he richly deserves his history being done. One of the greatest of this day and age, Buddy is with out a doubt one of the finest wrestling machines around, even tho the machine he is best compared to is a pile driver. Quite a guy, ole Buddy Boy, quite a guy.

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RESULTS FROM JAPAN

27 July. NAGOYA. Hiro Matsuda and Toyonobori W Bill Dromo and Dennis Hall. Sam Steamboat W Roger Kirby.
29 July. TOKYO. Matsuda W Dromo. Toyo and Steamboat W Hall and Kirby.
30 July. FUKUSHIMA. Matsua and Toyo W Hall and Kirby. Steamboat W Dromo.
31 July. Place unknown. Matsuda W Hall. Toyo and Steamboat W Dromo and Kirby.
1 Aug. GIFU. Matsuda and Steamboat W Hall and Kirby. Toyo W Dromo.
2 Aug. OTSU. Matsuda and Toyo W Dromo and Kirby. Steamboat W Hall.
3 Aug. TOTTORI. Matsuda and Toyo W Dromo and Kirby. ~~Xxx~~ Kirby W Mister Suzuki. Steamboat W Tadaharu Tanaka.
5 Aug. OKISHIMA. Toyo and Steamboat W Dromo and Kirby. Matsuda W Hall.
7 Aug. HIROSHIMA. Matsuda and Steamboat W Dromo and Kirby. Toyo W Hall.
9 Aug. NAGASAKI. Matsuda and Toyo W Hall and Kirby. Dromo W Tanaka. Steamboat W Suzuki.
11 Aug. OITA. Matsuda and Steamboat W Dromo and Kirby. Toyo W Hall.
12 Aug. KUMAMOTO. Matsuda and Toyo W Dromo and Kirby. Steamboat W Hall.
14 Aug. OSAKA. Matsuda and Steamboat W Dromo and Kirby. Toyo W Hall.
15 Aug. HAMAMATSU. Toyo and Steamboat W Kirby and Hall. Matsuda W Dromo.
16 Aug. TOKYO. Matsuda and Steamboat W Dromo and Kirby. Toyo W Hall.

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The results of the First Summer Series by theJPWE.
21 July. KORAKUEN HALL. Giant Baba W Jess Ortega disq. Michiaki Yoshimura and Kanji Inoki W Antonio Pugliese and Art Michalik. Tank Morgan W Ueda. George Drake W Takachiho.
22 July. KAMASAKI. Baba and Inoki W Ortega and Michalik, via disq. Kintaro Oki W Morgan. Yoshimura W Drake. Pugliese W Ueda. Mitsu Hirai W Kaizo Kojika.
25 July. FUJIMIYA. Baba, Yoshimura and Oki W Ortega, Michalik and Pugliese. Inoki W Drake. Morgan W Okuma.
27 July. IWATA. Ortega, Pugliese and Morgan W Baba, Inoki and Ueda. Yoshimura NC Michalik. Oki W Drake.
28 July. KORAKUEN HALL. Baba and Yoshimura W Ortega and Morgan disq. Oki W Michalik. Inoki W Pugliese. Drake W Hirai. Ueda W Okuma.
30 July. SANJO. Baba, Yoshimura and Inoki W Ortega, Pugliese and Drake. Oki W Morgan. Michalik W Ueda.
1 Aug. SUWA. Baba, Inoki and Oki W Ortega, Morgan and Michalik. Yoshimura W Pugliese. Drake W Yoshino Sato.
3 Aug. ONO. Ortega, Drake and Michalik W Baba, Yoshimura and Hirai. Inoki W Morgan Oki NC Pugliese.
4 Aug. KANAZAWA. Baba W Michalik. Inoki and Oki NC Ortega and Pugliese. Yoshimura W Drake. Morgan W Okuma.
6 Aug. TAKAYAMA. Baba and Oki W Ortega and Morgan. Inoki NC Pugliese. Yoshimura W Michalik. Drake W Hirai.
7 Aug. MIZUKUBO. Baba, Yoshimura and Inoki W Ortega, Morgan and Michalik. Oki W Drake. Pugliese W Ueda.
9 Aug. ITO. Baba, Yoshimura and Oki W Ortega, Pugliese and Drake. Inoki W Michalik Morgan W Ueda.
10 Aug. TOKYO. Baba NC Gene Kiniski. Inoki and Oki W Ortega and Morgan. Yoshimura W Michalik Pugliese W Ueda. Drake W Takachiho. Hirai W Kojika.
note this match.
12 Aug. SUMOTO. Baba and Inoki W Ortega and Pugliese. Oki W Mighalik. Yoshimura W Drake. Morgan W Okuma.
14 Aug. OSAKA. Baba D Kiniski. Yoshimura and Inoki W Ortega and Michali,. Oki W Morgan. Hirai W Drake. Pugliese W Takachiho. Ueda W Okuma.
Also note that one.
16 Aug. KANNONJI. Baba, Yoshimura and Oki W Ortega, Morgan and Michalik. Inoki W Drake. Pugliese W Kojika.

See the next page for those notes.

The bout at Tokyo between Baba and Kiniski drew "only" 14,ooo fans. At Osaka, they drew 20,000 fans. On the same night, in Osaka, the rival group had matches, and they drew 4,000 fans.

Sam Muchnik was there to see Baba and Kiniski wrestle and he said Baba was a very good wrestler and was suprised that a man as big as him could throw a drop-kick and flying body scissors. Baba is 320 pounds.

That match which was no contest, Kiniski won the first fall with a boston crab in 24 minutes and 4 seconds. Baba won the next with cocoa-butt clutch, a karate chop, and a drop kick in 3 minutes and 14 seconds. They were both counted out of the ring in 2 minutes, 40 seconds, making the bout a NC.

At Osaka, Baba won the first fall with chops, drop kick and press in 28 minutes, 13 seconds. Kiniski won the second with a back breaker, knee drop and press in 17 minutes and 45 seconds. The third fall, time elapsed before either man could get the deciding fall.

Baba is recognized as the International Champion by the NWA, the WWA, the WWWF, and as the world champ by the JPWE. He has defended his title against Von Erich, Monsoon, Austin, Sammartino, Destroyer, and others. He is beyond a doubt one of the best wrestlers in the world today.

This was the first time that Kiniski drew 20,000 fans at a match. The record in Japan is 30,000 for a Rikidozan/Thesz match.

The Second Summer Series begins on the 25th of August, and will include Baba, Oki Inoki, Yoshimura, and the other Japanese men. The Americans involved will be Billy White Wolf, Ray Burns, Tony Altemore, Jess Ortega and Antonio Pugliese. It will run thru the 9th of September, and the results will be in the next issue of MATMANIA.

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I sat down for a short spell, trying to get all my thinking matter into one place and still can not think what to do with the rest of this page. Before some wise acre suggests it, tho, my thinking matter is not in the place nearest the seat. Okay?

I am horribly sorry if I have been lax on letter writing for the past two months or more. As I indicated to some of the members, I have been working a 80 hour week for most of that time. Taking that much time out for a necessary evil like work, leaves little time for letter writing. As I also indicated, I need the extra time and work so that we can continue with the quality bulletins that we all have gotten used to seeing. When and if we ever get to the point of sending out 500 bulletins a month I will not have to work all of the extra hours; MATMANIA will pay for itself. Any ideas as to how we can improve that circulation will be appreciated.

I had promised myself earlier that I would not mention old results in this bulletin, but I must. So many people like the life histories that we have been doing, but only a handful of people are helping with the gathering of these results. As odd as it may seem, I can not do a life history without results. I especially need them from the South, the North, the East and the West. Also all of the points in between. There are only two cities in all of the world from which I have access to all of the results; St. Louis and Buffalo. I need everything else. Hope to it, boobies. Uncle Burt is desperate.

In future issues of MM, We will be doing histories on Von Erich, Vachon, Austin, Eric, Longson, Hutton, Afflis, Brazil, Lodge, and many other top men. But we do need help and tons of it. If you have access to a library where they have old newspapers, or can go to the newspaper offices themselves, please let me know. Much grass, all.

RESULTS FROM THE NORTHWEST

24 July. PORTLAND. Tony Borne and Lonnie Mayne W Pepper Martin and Rip Collins. Red Osborne W Crusher disq. Johnny Kostas W Pepe Montez. Masked Marvel W Bob Burns. Bruce Kirk D Bob Sweetan.
24 July. VANCOUVER. Abdullah Bey W Don McClarty. Don Leo Jonothan and Rocky Johnson D Chris and John Tolos. Frank Shields W Crybaby Cannon disq. Nick Saldano D Red McNulty. Leo Burke W Gerry Monti. Paul DeGaulle W Rick Renaldo.
28 July. PORTLAND. Lonnie Mayne W Sandy Barr. Borne W Osborne. Sweetan W Montez. Marvel D Kostas. Shag Thomas W Crusher disq.
31 July. VANCOUVER. Bey W Chris Tolos. Johnothan and Johnson W Cannon and McNulty John Tolos W Shields. Don McClarty W Monti. Burke W Saldano.
4 Aug. PORTLAND. Osborne W Mayne. Crusher W Burns. Marvel D Kirk. Kostas W Sweetan. Borne W Montez.
5 Aug. SEATTLE TV. Chris W Renaldo. Bey W Saldano. Johnson and Jonothan W Monti and Ike Hansen. Burke W DeGaulles.
5 Aug. TACOMA TV. John W Saldano. Bey W Monti. Jonothan W Cannon. Don McClarty W Red McNulty.
12 Aug. SEATTLE TV. Chris and John W Roy McClarty and Burke. Jonothan W Shields. Bey W McNulty. Johnson W Monti.

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With the wrestling season over in western Canada, many of the men have moved down into the Pacific Northwest. Included in the pa st months have been Bob Sweetan and Bruce Kirk into the Portland area,and now Leo Burke and Paul DeGaulles into the Seattle Vancouver area. hat happened to the rest, I am not sure, but will find out as time goes on. The area has had other new men besides Burke and DeGaulles. They are, he is, Gerry Monti, a guy of whom I have nver heard of before. He is a welcome sight, tho, if for no other reason than to give me a new name to type.

With Chris and John Tolos the tag champs, and Abdullah Bey living up to his nickname of "The Butcher", the area is going pretty well. Vancouver had a near sell-out with Kiniski vs Jonothan, and two or three weeks later, had an even larger crowd with Bey going against Chris Tolos. I do not know too much about Abdullah Bey, but any man who can out-draw a Kiniski/Jonothan match.....

Leo Burke is a young kid, originally from Nova Scotia. Wrestling the last little while in Regina/Saskatoon area, he was trained by Rocky Johnson and will probably wrestle with him a great deal as tag partner. Fairly young, he weighs around 220 or so. Looks like a comer.

I wonder if Gerry Monti is also the same as Vic Rosetanni of the Regina area? Pictures would be helpful. Can do, anyone?

In that tag match, Ike Hansen had his hair cut in the ring. Where he used to look like a "ratty Beattle", he now has about an inch and a half of hair. A few people have been so unkinf d as to say that he looked better whn you could not see his face.

Rip Collins, the one from Hawaii, is a big, roug 270 pounder. A hero in Portland, the guy is a welcome sight whenever he returns to the area. For this match, his partner, Pepper Martin, was supposed to have flown up from Los Angeles, but, to the best of my knowledge, he was not down there around that time. He might have been in a hospital, tho, ashe was injured an a match earlier. Details would be helpful.

The number one fan of Tony Borne is our new number one fan in Seattle. I speak of one of the most delightful young ladies in the world today, Whatsername. How is that for giving recognition where it is due? Seriously, Leslie, Youse is a goodie.

RESULTS FROM DETROIT AREA

8 July. DETROIT. Sheik W Chief White Owl. Mark Lewin W Ernie Ladd. Lord Layton W Tank Morgan. Red Lyons and Fred Curry W Al Costello and Karl Von Brauner. Gino Britto W Tom Jones. Student W Tim Hampton. Dan Miller W Al LaFrance. Tokyo Joe W John Rougeau. Lorenzo Parente W Johnny Kace. Bobby Shane W Steve Stanlee.
22 July. DETROIT. Bobo Brazil W Shiek disq. Layton W Gary Hart. Lyons and Curry W Bill and Dan Miller. Lewin W Karl Karlsson. Joe W Frankie Talaber. Shane D Costello. Igor W Haystacks Muldoon. Dagmar W Lil. Parente W Mister X. Beaver and Bradley W Cupid and Cassidy.
29 July. CINCINNATI. Brazil W Shiek. Curry W Tokyo Tom. Jones and Lucille Durpe W Big Bad John and Mary Jane Mull. Oklahoma Kid W Dan Miller.
5 Aug. DETROIT. Brazil W Shiek. Karl Kox W Igor. Lewin W Tom. Costello W Lyons. Parente W Bulldog Brower disq. Shane W Calvin Pullins. Ted Lewin and Lou Klein W Bob Harmon and Kace. Mull and Lil W Dupre and Dagmar. Ricki Cortez W Bob Howard.
15Aug. MANSFIELD, OHIO. Shiek vs White Owl. Bill Miller vs Brazil. Costello and Roy St. Clair vs Okla Kid and Jones. Dan Miller vs Pullins.
17 Aug. COLUMBUS. Sheik vs White Owl. Brazil vs Destroyer. Costello and St Clair vs Shane and Pullins. Dan Miller vs Okla Kid.
19 Aug. DETROIT. Sheik W Layton. Brazil and Lewin W Joe and Tom. Costello and St Clair W Shane and White Owl. Curry W John. Parente W Kace. Ted Lewin W Stanlee. Dan Miller W Harmon. Cortez W Mike Loren. Bill Miller W Tom Jones.

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It would seem from the above losses by the Sheik that his U.S. title claim is gone. But I'll bet it isn't. Some type of fluke was used whereby Brazil would not inherit a second U.S. title. A few people gave this series as much importance as the Stevens/Sammartino fiascos in San Francisco, and I think they did as much good to clear up the title picture as did the SF matches; that is, they are as muddy as ever. Titles are useless unleess a person loses them when they lose a match. But this line of thinking goes contrary to what we wrote earlier; concentrate on the good.

The good. Bobby Shane, Dan Miller, Roy St Clair, Ted Lewin, Steve Stanlee, and Lorenzo Parente are all new to the area in the past few months. With Costello and St Clair tagging as the Kangaroos, the tag picture should pick up some. Shane is also a welcome addition to the area as he is a good, interesting young wrestler with a bright future ahead of him. Danny, recuperating from injuries, has been wrestling mainly in his home area, Ohio and Michigan, but has been down to Texas and probably will be again sooon. He is another goodie and will be missed by Michigan fans just as he is being missed by the Texans.

I will not go into a detail as far as my thinking processes in regards to the repetitious matches held in this area. Suffice it to say that many of the men have been wrestling in this area for so long, they should own half the state by now. The area is going down hill more and more every month and it is little wonder, what with the meager variety of men offered to them. They are even worse than the WWWF, if that is possible.

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I just took my temperature, and my blood pressure has gone up more than ten point since writing the above. I think of the sheer, absolute waste of talent and area as is going on, and I see blue spots in front of my eyes. The area involved was once one of the best in the world, and now has matches that show no originality, no sense of purpose, and are like a series of summer re-runs. The talent, wrestling-wise, is there, with men like Brazil, Miller, Shane, Costello, Lewin, Ladd, and some of the others, but they are being wasted, as is the entire area. My Scottish blood boils when I think of it.

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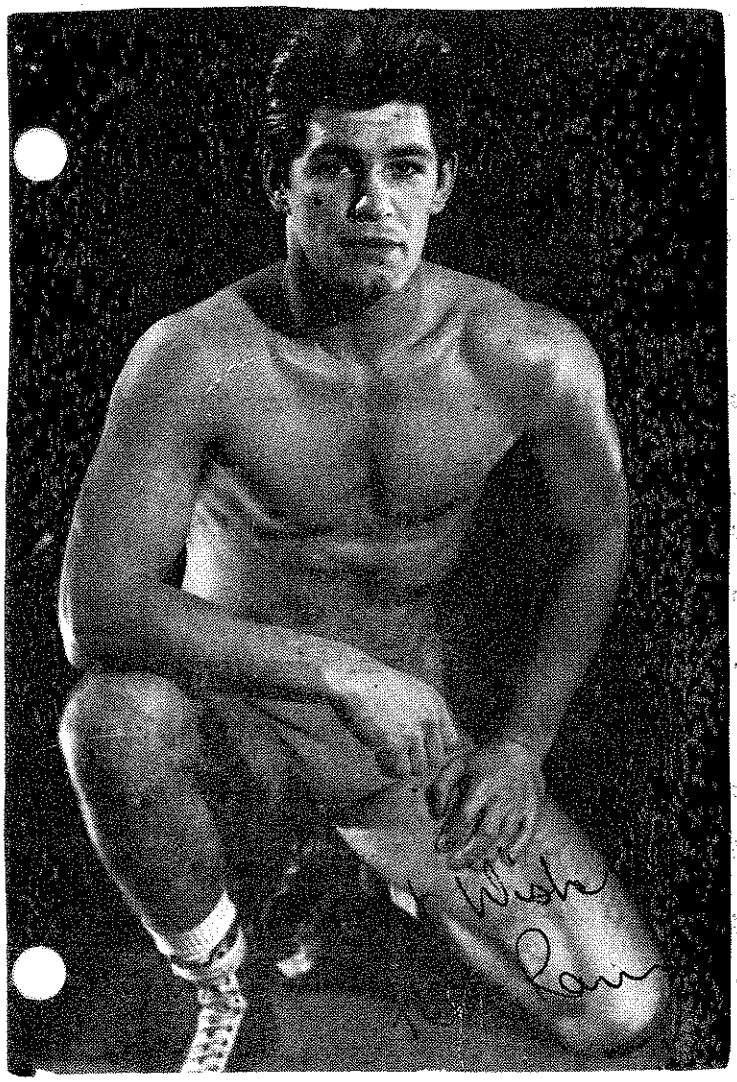

PETER RANN

Peter, the 5'9", 170 pound middleweight star is one of the top villians of the wrestling world. Born in Doncaster and residing now in the Camden Town section of London, he mixes a scientific form of wrestling and a rough style featuring elbow smashes, knees to the midsection, drop kicks, and other such tactics. A pro of 14 years duration, he had his first match against Jack Quesedk, a top welter-weight of years gone by. Pete has had a running feud with Jackie Pallo and Eddie Capelli, both of whom turned pro at about the same time as he.

Proficient at both amateur wrestling and boxing, Peter is equally at home roughing it up with other villians like Pallo or trading hold for hold with top ring stylists such as Dempsey or Kidd. He is also on comfortable grounds touring the night life of London with his wife, Georgina, in doing sketches and drawings for firends, or discussing his travles and ring injuries.

Rann's favourite hold is the double wrist lock with which he gains many of his submissions. A top man in every way, Peter Rann richly deserves a spot among the elite of wrestling.

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RESULTS FROM GREAT BRITAIN

26 June. LEEDS. Cortez Bros D Julien Morice and Jim Breaks. Vic Faulkner D Alan Miquet. Johnny Eagles W Alan Dennison. Josef Zaranoff W Roy Bull Davis disq. Tony Rocca W Masambula.
26 June. SWINDON. Kalman Gaston W Pasquale Salvo. Wayne Bridges W Allan Garfield George Bollas W John Cox. Leon Fortuna W Zoltan Boscik.
26June. BIRMINGHAM. Nagasaki KO Gwynn Davies. Gene Rowlands W Sean Regan. Mel Roach W Yuri Borienko. Billy Joyce W Honeyboy Zimba. Fallon KO Blackfoot.
27 June. EDINBURGH. Ian Gilmore W Moser. Mick McMichael W Ezzard Hart. Andy Robin and Ramsden W Zimba and Leon Gabrielle. Robin and Bardouille W Ray Francis and Martin Garbo.
29 June. CLACTON. Morice W Ray McGuire. Oscar Verdu W Davis. White Eagles W Steve Haggetty and Tug Holton. Harry Kendall W Rudge.
29 June. WIMBLEDON. Mick McManus W Johnny Kwango. Tibor Szakacs W Regan. Alan Sergeant W Tony Costas. Adrian Street and Barnes W Stefan Milla and Brian Maxine.
29 June. SOUTHAMPTON. Steve Logan D Johnny Czeslaw. Boscik W Johnny Williams. Bob Kirkwood KO Salvo. Mike Marino W Bruno Elrignton disq.
29 June. BRISTOL. Jackie Pallo W Gaston. Miquet W Dempsey disq. Billy Robinson KO Borienko. Ignatio Borg W Bernard Murray. Morgan KO Bill Terontos.
1 July. BELLE VUE. Cox KO Steve Veidor. Les Kellett W Davis disq. Morice D James Gilmore. John Heath W Alan Bordouille.
1 July. NEWCASTLE. Masambula and Kwango W Leon Arras and Bobby Graham disq. Stev Best D James. Jimmy Saville W Peter Preston disq. Bill Rawlings W Hart disq.
1 July. HANLEY. Bill Howes and Johnny Allan W Jim Hussey and Hans Streiger disq. Regan W Zimba disq. Steele D Swan. Terry Jowett D Jeff Kove.

1 July. PORTSMOUTH. Albert Wall W Marino. McMichael W Chic Purvey. Cooper and McMichael KO Dave Phillips and Jon Cortez. Miquet W Roger Green.
2 July. BLACKPOOL. Hussey W Streiger. Kellett W Howes disq. Graham W Arras. Jim McKenzie W Bill Blackfoot. Note-above how many had tagged the night before.
3 July. HASTINGS. Kwango and Hart W Haggetty and Al Fontayne. Bridges W Czeslaw. Costas W Bailey. Rann W Len Hurst.
4 July. HEMEL HEMPSTEAD. Cox W Stedman. Marino W Joe Corenlius. Regan W Borienko Cox W Marino. Regan W Cox. Ken Joyce W Mike Bennett.
4 July. GUILFORD. Veidor W Logan. Al Hayes W Elrington. Spencer Churchill W Bill Torontos. Maxine KO Hurst.
4 July. WOLVESHAMPTON. White Eagles W Black Diamonds disq. Howes W Tony Charles. Davies W Roach. Rowlands W Zimba.
5 July. EASTBOURNE. Danny Lynch W Charlie Fisher. Dick Conlon W Young Robby. Pat Barrett W Elrington disq. Stedman KO Churchill.
5 July. SOUTHPORT. Diamonds W White Eagles. Count Bartelli KO Zimba. Steele W Colin Joynson. Howes W Masambula.
5 July. SHOREDITCH. Verdu W Regan. Bollas D Wall. Williams W Fortuna. Rann KO Rudge.
5 July. YARMOUTH. Gordon Nelson KO Veidor. Trevors KO Tiger Ryan. Jon Cortez KO Ted Bailey. Cox W Garfield disq.
6 July. CLACTON. Regan KO Czeslaw. Verdu W Veidor. Jon Cortez D Sergeant. Brian Trebors W Ivan Penzekoff.
6 July. WESTBURY. Bollas W Mister Big. Rocca D Haggetty. Williams KO McGuire. Hurst W Bailey.
6 July. WIMBLEDON. Mister X W Garfield. Wall W Bridges. Ken Joyce KO Rann. Roger Green W Marsh.
6 July. PETERBORO. Nelson KO Davis. Kwango D Doug Joyce. Peter Szakacs W Maxin Fortuna KO Costas.
6 July. MORECOAMBE. Robinson W John Lees. Masambula W Eagles. Miquet W Purvey disq. Dennison W Ray Clarke.
7 July. LIVERPOOL. Daimonds W Zimba and Masambula. Bartelli W Davies. Joynson W Charles. Preston W Mickey Gold.
8 July. HANLEY. Diamonds W Masambula and Zimba. Kellett W Rowlands. Bartelli W Streiger. Eagles KO Joynson.
8 July. ROBINSON W Nelson disq. Place is NEWCASTLE. Geoff Portz W Marino. Bennett W Ian Gilmore. Preston W McMichael.
8 July. BELLE VUE. Lees W Borienko. Miquet W Dennison disq. Breaks W Best. Chic Purvey W Fallon.
8 July. PORTSMOUTH. Czeslaw and Logan W Arras and Graham. Rann KO Torontos. Bernard Murray W Street disq. Wall D Tibor Szakacs.
9 July. BRIGHTON. Nelson W. Marino. Elrington W Rocah. Verdu W Zaranoff. Clayton Thomson D Rocca. Borgs W Milla and Street.
9 July. BLACKPOOL. Zimba and Masambula W Black Diamonds. Davies KO Cox. Gold W Preston. Charles W Joynson.
10 July. WEMBLEY. Cornelius W Johnny Yearsley. Thomson D Rocca. Royal KO Haggett Fortuna W Peter Szakacs.
10 July. HASTINGS. Hayes W Verdu disq. Capelli W Green. Myrray W Jack Quisek. Borienko W Churchill.
10 July. GREAT YARMOUTH. Elrington W Pat Barrett. Gaston D Penzekoff. Morgan KO Torontos. Borgs W Boscik and Street.
11 July. WORTHING. Wildman W Kirkwood. Churchill W Penzekoff. Marino W Yearsley Morice KO Williams.
12 July. SOUTHPORT. Zaranoff W Davis. Robinson W Wall. Melwyn Riss W Mellor. Monty Swann W Peter Kaye.
12 July. WATFORD. Regan W Fontayne. Lynch W Kirkwood. Marino W Czeslaw. Roach W Borienko. Regan W Lynch. Marino W Rocach. Marino W Regan.
12 July. YARMOUTH. Masambula W Haggetty. Verdu W T. Szakacs. Churchill W Holton. Sergeant W Fortuna.
12 July. EASTBOURNE. Bollas KO Cornelius. Bert Royal W Rann disq. Hurst W Costas Grant W Green.

13 July. CLACTON. Borgs W Street abd Boscik. Gaston W Rann. Fontayne W Hayes via KO. Costas W Bailey.
13 July. BRISTOL. Marino W Verdu. Charles KO Yearsley. Zimba KO Kirkwood. Jon Cortez W Green. Capelli W Robby.
13 July. WIMBEEDON. Bob Archer O'Brien W Murray. McGuire W Ron Oakley. Rudge W Phillips. McGuire W O'Brien. Rudge W McGuire. Ken Joyce and Torontos W Czeslaw and Charlie Fisher disq.
14 July. LIVERPOOL. Dennisons W Arras and Alf Cadman. Robisnon W Veidor. Hussey W Portz. Swann W Mike Dallas.
14 July. TOOTING. McManus and Logan W Diamonds. Kellett KO Wildman. Nelson W Verdu. Sergeant W Green. Masambula W Haggetty. Royal W Rocca.
15 July. BELLE VUE. Marino W Charles. Hussey W Cox. J. Eagles and Ray Woods W Hart and Zimba. Dallas W Alan Kilby.
15 July. NEWCASTLE. James W Robby (skip the "y") James W Robb. Davies W Lees. Arras and Graham W Frank O'Donnell and Lee Sharron. Bullwhip Griffin W Ramsden.
15 July. HANLEY. Robinson W Veidor. Cart Dane and Zaranoff W Streiger abd Davis disq. Mellor KO Connor. Swann W Peter Kay.
17 July. HASTINGS. Logan W Kirkwood. Morgan W Yearsley disq. Torontos W Burgess. Ken Joyce W Grant.
17 July. YARMOUTH. Veidor W Frank Hurley. Hayes W Czeslaw. Churchill Ko Fisher. Rudge D Trevors.
18 July. HEMEL HEMPSTEAD. Hayes W Davis disq. Czeslaw W Logan. Conlon W Hurst. Fortuna W Bailey.
18 July. WOLVESHAMPTON. Szakacs Bros W Husseyy andd Haggetty. Riss W Sid Cooper. Nelson W Marino. Robinson KO Lees.
19 July. EASTBOURNE. Veidor W Verdu. Rudge W Salvo. Gaston KO Oakley. Zimba W Wuri Borienko disq.
19 July. YARMOUTH. Kellett and Cannon W Kyan and Penzekoff. Barrett W Davis. Jon Cortez KO Costas. Capelli NC McMichael.
20 July. CLACTON. Nelson W Wall. Kwango W Holton. Morgan D Torontos. Morice W Mick Michael.
20 July. WIMBLEDON. Veidor W Borienko disq. Barrett W Elington. Barnes W Ian Gilmore. Costas W Conlon.
21 July. BOLTON. Szakacs W Black Diamonds disq. Robinson W Marino. Roy St Clair W J Eagles. Riss W Jeff Kaye.
21 July. CARDIFF. Charles W Pallo disq. Nelson KO Hayes. Morgan W Fontayne. Williams W Jon Cortez. Borgs vs Street and Bobby Barnes.
21 July. ROCHESTER. Davis W Kirkwood. Wall D Verdu. Wildman W Ron Fury. McMicheal W Ian Gimore.
22 July. BELLE VUE. Bartelli W T. Szakacs. R St Clair W Rocca. Sergeant D Williams. Swann KO P Szakacs.
22 July. NEWCASTLE. Preston W Royal disq. Portz W Wall disq. Hart W Hud Harris. Al Simpson W Joe Wilkinson.
22 July. CHELTENHAM. McManus and Logan W Diamonds. Pallo W Kirkwood. Marino W Davis. Capelli W Gilmore. Veidor KO Bridges.
22 July. GRAVESEND. Zaranoff W Cox. Churchill W Torontos disq. Morice and Miquet W Rann and Salvo disq. Hurst W Fortuna.
24 July. EASTBOURNE. McManus KO Gilmore. Bridges D Kirkwood. Capelli W McGuire. Penzekoff W Phillips.
24 July. HASTINGS. Zaranoff W Fisher. Marino KO Wildman. Sergeant W Salvo disq. Robby D Ignatio Borg.
24 July. WEMBLEY. Pallo W Rann disq. Morice KO Williams. Elringon W St Clair. Costas W Bailey.
25 July. WORTHING. White Eagles W Diamonds. disq. Morgan W Hart. Hurst D Ken Joyce. Costas W Ted Bailey.
26 July. WATFORD. Veidor W Davis. Diamonds W Rebels. Morgan D Rocca. Kendall KO Bill Torontos.
27 July. WIMBLEDON. Nelson D T. Szakacs. Thomson W Rocca. Lees W Yearsley. Harr Kendall W Ezzard Hart.

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## BRITISH RATINGS

In each issue of MATMANIA, we rate the men of Great Britain on basis of their won loss records. As before, there will be three sections, by weight. The heavyweights, with the mid-heavys included, the middleweights, and the welterweights and lightweights together.

Heavies:

1. Billy Robinson, British and European champion
2. Gordon Nelson, alias the Outlaw
3. Count Bartelli
4. Tibor Szakacs
5. Billy Joyce, ex champion
6. Dennis Mitchell
7. Nagasaki
8. Cynn Davies, another ex-champion
9. Albert Wall
10. Ricki Starr

Middleweights

1. Clayton Thomson, British champion
2. Tony Charles, Welsh champion
3. Bert Royal, ex-champion
4. Mick McManus, Southern area champion
5. Jackie Pallo
6. Spencer Churchill
7. Vic Faulkner, European champion
8. Ken Joyce
9. Peter Rann
10. Scorpion

Welters and Lightweights

1. Alan Sergeant, British welter champion
2. George Kidd, world lightweight
3. Alan Miquet, British lightweight champion
4. Brian Maxine
5. Jim Breaks, ex-British lightweight champ
6. Alan Colbeck, European welter champion
7. Johnny Williams, Welsh welter and lightweight champ
8. Peter Szakacs
9. Eddie Capelli
10. Jack Dempsey

Thee major changes have taken place in the heavyweight section, where Billy Joyce a recent loser to Ricki Starr, has dropped in the ratings. He changed places with Tibor Szakacs, who has won from Wall, Davies and others recently, and drawn with Robinson and Joyce. Starr joined the ratings for the first time, replacing Doctor Death Starr is again active in British rings, so will be included.

The drop by the Scorpion in the middleweight ranks is due mainly to inactivity. He has changed places with Joyce and Rann, both of whom have been meeting most of the best men in their weight class.

The only change in the welterweight ranks is the entrance of Jack Dempsey. Inactive for a time, he is again wrestling regularly, and has a far better record than Pasquale Salvo, the man he has replaced.

Both Sergeant and Thomson have been losing a few battles of late, but since they have not been title matches (mostly over-weight matches) they will continue as the top men. Not until beaten for the title will they lose the number one spot. This goes for Robinson, who lost recently to Bartellli.

Every day we receive letters telling why people like or dislike a particular wrestler. As a service to our members and readers, MATHANIA has assembled these comments so that, when discussinga man or woman you either like or dislike, all you have to do is to circle or underline the comments that fit. Below are the most common.

I like/dislike ********** because he/she is

1, General appearance:
- a, beautiful
- b, a gorgeous hunk of person
- c, ugly as sin
- d, too nice to be beleived
- e, reminds me of my Uncle Charlie

2, hair:
- a, like silk
- b, strawberry blonde
- c, longer than mine
- d, just right
- e, too short
- f, bald as a billiard ball

3, facial features:
- a, absolutely devine
- b, sweet, just sweeeet
- c, looks like the boy/girl next door
- e, reminds me of my pet poodle
- f, if I saw him,her in a dark alley, I'd run
- g, ghastly, you have to see to really beleive it
- h, I wouldn't wish it on my worst enemy

4, voice:
- a, like the cooing of a dove
- b, a frog croaking
- c, the sexiest thing in captivity
- d, sounds like a cat with his tail caught in a wringer

5, eyes,
- a, the deepest, prettiest blue
- b, speckled with green
- c, looks like a used road map

6, body:
- a, Venus DeMilo should have it so good
- b, my ideal
- c, perfect in every way
- d, slightly heavy, but nice
- e, fat as a hog
- f, looks like a fire plug on legs
- g, every bit as built as Sophia
- h, okay except for all the hair
- i, reminds me of Frankentstein after the fire

7, legs:
- a, the best I've ever seen
- b, insured, but I forget for how much
- c, no Betty Grable, but okay
- d, my Bull Dog has better
- e, looks like a grand piano

8, personality:
- a, the nicest, warmest person in the world
- b, a little snooty unless alone
- c, never talks much, but seems nice
- d, as lecherous as they come
- e, ever bit as nice as a skunk
- f, a rattlesnake is friendlier
- g, a real nice kid

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In the last issue of MATMANIA, we inaugorated a new section devoted to the listings of favourite and most hated wrestlers. The response to this has been tremendou thus far, and I sure will continue to be.

Lets list them, then comment after.

FAVOURITES

1; The Assassins, 43 points
2; Ivan Kalmikoff, 42 points
3; Igor Vodik; 32 points
4; Don Carson, 21 points
5; Bobby Weaver, 18 points
6; Johnny Valentine, 17 points
7; Rip Carson and Sammartino, 16 points
8; George Becker, 15 points
9; Gorgeous George Jr, 13 points
10, Spiros Arion, 12 points

MOST HATED

Karl Kox, 42 points
The Assassins, 35 points
Ken Lucas, 17 points
Bobby Fields, 17 points
Bruno Sammartino, 16 points
The Shiek, 16 points
Ray Stevens, 12 points
Nikita Mulkovitch, 9 points
Tunderbot Patterson, 8 points
Jack Donovan and Killer Kowalski, 7 points

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The listings have changed drastically since our last bulletin, mainly due to the pushing of it by various fan clubs. Also by people who had favourites, getting their firends to write in, casting votes. The above is reflected easily enough by noting the votes and where they sit. By doing so, you will know which fan clubs have been active and which have not.

Bruno Sammartino and the Assassins are the only two to be listed both as favourites and as most hated. Bruno is tied with the Shiek for most distaff side while he dropped from second place to a tie for 7th on the liked side. He only gained 8 point during the month while others were picking them up left and right.

The Assassins, a team, received votes for the team, so I have counted them that way. The voting was almost equal, as to who liked and disliked them. Currently favourites during their feud with Yokouchi and Shikuna, they have left many bitter enemies due to their rough brand of wrestling.

Spiros Arion, the man of the hour in WWWF land gained only two votes during the month. With Gorgeous George, who gained 6 points, there were only four hold-overs from last issue. The disliked side had five hold-overs, all of them dropping as the swge of dislike of Kox, the Shiek, the Assassins and so forth came in.

To show my appreciation of those fan clubs who have been heloing us, we will be happy to present each of your members who vote directly a free sample issue of MATMANIA. This includes, thus far, the Becker/Weaver club, the Ivan Kalmikoff club, the Don Carson club, and the Gorgeous George Clubs. As other clubs get behind us, we will extend this "freesies".

The rules for this thing are simple. Send me your lists of your five favourites and the five you dislike the most. Send the lists in as often as you would like, even every day. You may list the same man two or more times on any list, and I will count them. The more the merrier on this thing, so get your club members and interested parties to vote soon and vote often.

With our anniversary coming up, we may be able to give an award, live, to the man or team who wins this thing in the December issue. This depends, of course, on whether the wrestler involved will allow us to do so; some won't, especially the winner of the "hate" parade. We'll keep you posted on it.

Club prexies, this thing is up to you, so lets go.

## FAN CLUB NEWS

The past month or so has been extremely active in the fan club world. I received the latest issue of the Don Carson newsletter, and the prexie, Joan Anderson, has don another greast job of presenting the news of her honorary. For full detials on how to join this excelent club, dropp Joan a line at P.O. Box 5663. Pensacola, Flo. 32 505. Tis a great one.

Another club which I think you will find of great interest is the George Becker Johnny Weaver club. The prexie, Pam Daniels, is one of the hardest working people ar pound. For details about joining, write to Pam at 544 Leonard Rd. Norfolk, Va. Her zip code is 23505.

Jerry Davidson of the Ivan Kalmikoff club is another of the great young people coming onto the fan club scene. His club is rapidly becoming one of the best in the field. For fuller info, write to Jerry at 13577 Sprice Rd. Southgate, Mich. 48192.

The Memphis Scene fan club, headed by Gary Morrow of 4006 Mt Terrace. Memphis, Tenn. 38127, is another I think you will of interest. So many men wrestle there almost exclusively, and these bulletins give more info about them than you will find in any other source.

The Gorgeous George fan club, with Charlotte Irvine prexie, is about to put out their first bulletin, and I, for one, am anxious to see how this great gal is going to do. Char has been one of my closest friends in wrestling for some time now, and I have thoroghly enjoyed knowing her, and wish her all the luck and success in the world If hard work will do the trick, I know it is going to be a great one. Char's address is 1943 W. Thoman. Springfield, Mo. 65803.

The Freddie Blassie club is another that I think you will like. The pres, Jeff Walton, is extatick about the return of his honorary, and I am sure that his next bulletin is going to be wild. For details about joining this club, drop a line or three to Jeff at 1358 S. Sierra Bonita. Los Angeles, Calif. 90019.

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I'm going to sidetrack for one moment and ask a question or two. First, when you follow the career of a wrestler, what types of info do you need? I am sure it helps to know what type of food he likes to eat, his favourite color and so forth, but more important is where he is wrestling, how he is doing, who is he doing it against, and how, and why, and other such info. Many clubs put out bulletins during which they only mention their honoraries once or twice, if at all. I've pointed this out to people once or twice; you have to mention your honorary more than anyone else. Where the members can see him, when, and how. Simple as that.

And now back to fan clubs. The Danny Hodge is another great one, as is the Jack Donovan club. Opal Mae is the work-horse of the first one; her address is 907 S 10th Kingfisher, Okla. 73750. The Donovan club is headed, very ably I might add, by Don Wilson of 1755 Woodridge Lane. Florissant, Mo. 63033.

This does not have to do with fan clubs, but one of our members, Smith Warner, has a vast collection of fots he would like to sell. For a complete list, drop him a line They are only five cents each, the picture that is; got the list. And he has promised to write "Uncle Burt is a Goodie" a million times for this mention. When will I get them, Smith?

If interested in programs from Charlotte, N.C. send 15 cents in stamps or coin to Gene Gordon of P.O. Box 2345, Charlotte. Zip code 28201. His programs are the best in that part of the country and well worth the money requested. Try em and see.

During the months we have had MATMANIA, I have butted into everyone's business in the world of wrestling; I've tried to tell promoters how to promote, wrestlers how to wrestle, referees how to do that, and judges how to do that, too. The only person or group I have not hit thus far have been us, the fans and fan clubs. And now it is our turn.

I will start with ourselves. When we originally started MATMANIA, the purpose was to give its members and readers the most complete picture of wrestling as was possible. We have added things from time to time, also subtracted others. This change has, for the most part, been a benefit to all concerned, and, judging from your letters, have done what we started out to do.

The club has not grown as rapidly as I had hoped, but we have expanded somewhat in the past few months. We have gained about 25 new yearly members, giving us around 150. With this fact firmly in your minds, lets do some arithmatic. Like adding. As many of you know, it cost quite a bit of money to put one of these things together. That is what we are going to cover now. Fifty pages, means about fifty stencils for each issue. That is about 8 dollars. This figure remains constant no matter how many we make, so we can exclude this figure for comparison. Ink for the mimeo; it seems that no matter how many bulletins we do at any one time, we use about three can of ink; this again is constant, so the eight dollars for it is also gone for the price comparison. This leaves paper and the foto pages.

Rule number one; the more you buy at one time, the cheaper things are, especially paper. If we print a fifty pages bulletin, making 200 copies of each, we use ten reams of paper at about two dollars each, or twenty dollars. Foto pages; the main an most important item is the cost of the plate from which the page is made. This remains the same whether we print 50 copies, 200 copies or ten thousand, so the more you get made at any one time, the cheaper it is per page. For instance, when we did one page, I asked price for 200 copies, and then for 300 copies; the price for the larger amount is only fifty cents higher.

So this issue, with 13 picture pages in it cost more than the rest of the bulletin combined. It comes out to well over a hundred dollars for this issue. I'd underline that, except I think everyone will see it.

If we doubled the quantity that we are printing now, the cost would only go up about twenty dollars. It does not double as the quantity doubles. It only means tha with more members, we can include more pictures, more and better articles, more and more and better and better.

I've blasted promoters, wrestlers, referees, judges, and now, boobies, I am blasting you, us. It is imperative that we have moremembers, either yearly or every month readers. To help with this, some of the members have been taking a dozen bulletins each month and selling them to their friends at the arenas. If you would be interested in helping us by doing the above, please let me know. I have tried contests for more new members; I have tried give aways for the same purpose, now lets try the simple means of showing you in dollars and cents how each of us will benefit by having more members.

This started out being somewhat different from the way it ended. But simple dollars and cents tell us, me especially, why we have to have more members. And as note by that "surprise" in an earlier page, this is the time to do it, when the dues are still only a fifty cents per month or five dollars a year. Judging from your reaction to our bulletins, it is worth it, and will be even more when we can afford to do more.

The ball is in your hands. Lets go, Boobies.

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I am continually intrigued by the money aspects of pro wrestling. This is especially true of traveling and of the costs to do so. I have said many times that it simply does not cost that much to bring in a new wrestler, even for one night, and that it should be done more. With this in mind, I did some checking as to air line schedules and so forth, as far as men going coast to coast. The cost is not prohibitive, nor is the actual time involved so great as to omit coast to coast jaunts. Lets give an example, then we'll go on. Lets say the promoter in Los Angeles gets on TV and says something along the lines of:

"Ladies and gentelmen, I would sincerely like to apologize for the reign of terror to which you have been subjugated. This mad-man, this Killer who is the champion is a beast, and we are the first to admit it. We have matched him with everyone now around here, and no one has been able to beat him thus far. With a guy like Austin, you have to fight fire with fire, so we have gotten the strongest, toughest man around to come here next week to meet Austin. Unfortunately, though, he is wrestling that same night in New York City, so we had to go through tremendous trouble and expense to see that he will be here. We are having a helicopter waiting in a parking lot across the street from where he is wrestling; as soon as he is thru and dressed, he will get on the copter, fly to the Kennedy International airport, where he will board a jet liner for Los Angeles, arriving here in time for our main event. So next week, we are proud to present the match of the century; Killer Buddy Austin against Crazy Luke Graham."

Now there is no two ways about it, the promoter is going to a lot of trouble to get CLG there; also quite a bit of expense. How much? About 300 dollars for the round trip, another 200 or so for the helecopter and so forth, plus the cost of having him wrestle; another 500 or so. So the complete cost of having Luke there would be about a thousand dollars. This is a great deal of money; that I agree with. But you must remeber that the cost is offset by people buying tickets. They would have to draw a total of 500 people to offset the cost of having Luke wrestle. Five hundred over and above their normal expected crowd. I think a match of Austin versus Graham would do that and then some. The promoters, if they played their cards right, could even get enough advertising revunue from the air line comblany and the helicopter compnay to offset even more of the total cost. In short, they would be able to really clean up.

Lets take an even more wild example. One of the two main wrestlers in Germany is Josef Kovacs, a big, rough villian, who can really wrestle with the best of them. We usually seem to categorize most foreigners together, so we look around for some man or group already in this country with whom Kovacs might be related in some way, not necessarily brother or whatever. We pick up the name of Paul Vachon, who has wrestled in Eaurope and probably knows Josef either thru reputation or direct. So we check on the cost of bringing Kovacs to Atlanta to wrestle and how to go about it! Paul gets on TV and says something like the following:

"I am proud to announce zat next week, my brother Stan and I will have one of ze greatest wrestlers in ze world to wrestle weeth us. Ze man may be unknown to most of you, but please remember it: Josef Kovacs. He is the officil champion of Germany, the European champion, and holds the title of all North Africa. He has drawn ze largest crowd in ze history of wrestling in Germany; also in Paris, France and in Belgium. I would say zat he is almost as great a wrestler as Stan and I. Ze three of us will wrestle as a team next week here; I do not know yet who the other team will be, but I do not care. When three great men like us work together, no one can stop us."

The three top heros right now there would probably be Al Torres, Tim Woods, and Timmy Geohagen. Timmy has wrestled a great deal in England and Europe, so he might also know of Josef Kovacs. "Yes, I have heard of this German champ, and he is a good wrestler, of that there is no doubt. I am forced to agree with Paul one that one thing, but I do not agree with him when he says that he and Stan are wrestlers; they are nothing but a couple of big black ugly grizzly bears. Bring them on; we will beat

them with no trouble." Sorry about not getting the Irish accent in there.

To further ensure Kovacs being well known, we have Louie Tillet add his two cents "So what if those two big stupid jerks are bringing some schnook in; I can beat any of them. This Kolacki or whatever his name is might be the best over there, but before he can be considered the best around here, he has to beat me, and no one can do that. I can take all three of them on, one right after another. Just line up, boys, I'm readdy for them all."

And Oki Shikina. "Please to forgive this humble person, but I do not know of the greatness of Josef Kovacs, but the German people are world renowned for their ability to fight. Japan and Germany have been alies before, and our two great peoples are infinitely better than Americans. If he would have this humble personage as a partner, I woould be so honored."

And Tim Woods. "You'd think the end of the world is coming, just because those bearded Frenchies are bringing inssome stupid guy from Germany. All of these so called rough guys think they are hot stuff, but we know the way to cool them off. I am ready and willing to meet them at any time; I just hope that they can wrestle as well as they talk."

The build up as above, or close to it, would create a bit of interest in Josef. His ability in the ring would take over after the first exposure. Now we come to the cost of getting him here and of having him wrestle. Lets base it on him being here for only four weeks, a short visit. The round trip fare of getting him here would be about five hundred. His weekly salary, lets digress for one money; the men of Europe usually work at a lower salary than here. In addition, a man coming here for the first time would attach a great degree of prestige to the booking, so they would probably work cheaper then some of our own men. So, lets get Kovacs' salary a bit lower than most maineventers, about five hudndred a week. So the complete cost for four weeks of wrestling would be 2500 dollars.

Using that system of figuring how much extra, over and above their normal drawing power, they would have to draw about two thousand people in a months time, or five hundred a week. I am sure, positive even, than Kovacs could do that sitting down. He is a tremendous wrestler, a faboulous showman, nd one of the all time greats. In short, he would be well-worth the cost of getting him here, and would be able to really draw an extra dollar or two into the promoters rich ole pocket.

There are many other examples that could be given to show how the arrival of a new wrestler could easily be offset by the extra fans drawn into the arena. Whether from a long distance, a short distance; whether hero or villian; whether preliminary wrestler or main-eventer. It makes little difference; the less a person gets paid, the fewer the number of fans he would have to draw to off-set his cost. What it boils down to, in no uncertain terms, is that it simply does not cosst that much to bring in new men. Why, then, don't more promoters do it?

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A man like Gene Kiniski, Lou Thesz, Bobo Brazil and some of the others make their complete living from traveling from one city to another, seldom wrestling in the same area two times in a row. One night they might be in the Northwest, the next in Florida. The promoters are completely willing to book the two or three top notchers, but are adverse to bringing in a new, competent preliminary boy. Far too many men wrestle in one area, and have been in that same place for weeks, months, even years in some occassions. Some areas get only one or two new men a year, relying on a group of men who have been in the area constantly for long periods of time. Then, when their crowds thin out at the areanas, they (the promoters) blame the fans for non-support. If we did not include the article earlier about being a nicie, nice, I'd say something about stupidity.

The following article is from the Philadelphia Daily News; the date is 20 June 1967. The writer is Tom Cushman.

TOTAL REITIREMNT NOT ROGERS' NATURE

Would you beleive 50-18½-34?

That's right, physical demensions. 50-18½-34. Sounds like the headline from a billboard for the Garrick, doesn't it?

If those statistics seem staggering, try this one. They belong to a 47-year old male.

That may come as a bit of a shock in a society where the more common masculine sculpture is something like 40-44-40. But, Buddy Rogers, philanthropist, former world champion, the "NatureBoy" of what he prefers to call "The Golden Era" of wrestling, is age 47, has a chest that measures 50 inches, biceps 18½, waist 34. That, despite the fact that the 34-inch-waist supposedly went out with suspenders and bib overalls.

Rogers, who does not associate himself with the groaners of the modern era, has been retired, except for spot appearances, since 1963. The coin he gathered during 25 years of applying headlocks was the foundation for a myriad of businesses he now owns in South Jersey. His time is devoted to those, plus a pair of personal crusades He'd like to help rescue wrestling from the grasp of those whom he describes as "the vultures". And he is determined to retain the physical proportions of the competitive years.

To accomplish the latter, Rogers goes through vigourous workouts several times a week at the Universal Health Spa, located at the Country Squire Motel In Cherry Hill, New Jersey. "by the time most men reach 40, they look like they're dead," he said recently. "Athletes are among the worst offenders. They work with their muscles all their lives, and then two years after retirement they look like inflated tires. I've studied diets and health routines, and I feel better at 47 than I ever have."

Obviously. Rogers recently accepted, wrestled, and won a match with Ed Carpentier before 26,000 in Montreal. His performance was such that he was offered $15,000 to return for an appearance during Expo 67.

"I haven't had any difficulty staying in condition," Rogers said. "My waist has never been more than 34. For 18 years I was 255-never fluctuated more than five pounds. After retiring I trimmed down to 225, and I've held it."

Rogers attacks other problems the same way he does pot bellies. "I was fortunate I was involved in wrestling during the good years, and was determined that I would bring something more than memories out of it," he said.

"A Chicago writer once did a dtory on me, about how I'd taken a $2 supporter and turned it into a $2½ million enterprise. That's what we did gross in 25 years. I don't have that kind of money now, but I have enough that they won't have to throw and benefits for me."

You might say so. Rogers owns apartment buildings in Haddon Heights. He has a large drive-in liquor store on the White Horse Pike in Lindenwold, with a news stand and gift shop adjoining. Next month construction of a cocktail longe will begin on the same site.

It started back in 1940 when Rogers, who had learned his trade at the Camden YMCA turned professional at the old Garden Pier in Atlantic City. A year later he was already being matched with such greats as Ed (Strangler) Lewis.

Rogers and television arrived on a national scale at about the same time, and were involved in a lucrative marriage. "I made a pilot film for RCA Victo two years before teevee was on the market," he said. "Then, I was involved in the first telecast, out of Rainbo Arena in Chicato. From 1947 to 1950 I had more television exposure than any wrestler in history.

"I also worked as a colorman-helped to break in some of the early announcers. Most people have probably forgotten, but among them were Steve Allen-I worked with him at the Ocean Park Arena in Santa Monica-Dennis James and Ernie Kovacs. None of them knew a headlock from a padlock when we started."

Rogers won what was considered a universal world title in 1960, defeating Pat O'Connor at Comiskey Park in Chicago. There were 42,214 spectators that night, and Buddy took home $30,000. Over the years he had 22 solid sellouts in Madison Square Garden.

"I made it-that's why I hate to see what is happening today," he said. "I'm not going to run around knocking the sport in the teeth. It has been good to me. You can't blame the wrestlers. There are still some great ones. But the game is contolled by a few promoters.

"For instance, there are eight or 10 world champions now, which is ridiculous. But each promoter, or vulture as I prefer to call them, has complete control in a specific area of the country.

"As an example, all of the promotion in this area is controlled by Ray Fabiani out of the Keystone Athletic Club in Philadelphia," he said. "I applied for a promoter's license in New Jersey, and was turned down, despite the fact that I'M a taxpayer, resident of the state, and had the talent lined up. They will not allow anyone else to break in."

How much of the sport is on the level? "Most of it was, back in my era," Rogers mused. "I won't say that we didn't occasionally 'work' a match, but there was some great wrestling. Today, well I'd call it a lost art.

"What is most distressing is the fact that a large percentage of today's wrestlers end up broke," he added. "With the promotional monopolies, they take what is offered-they have no choice.

"I hate to see it," Rogers added. "I love the sport. During the winter I go to Collingswood and Haddonfield and other towns, to watch the high school wrestlers. You see some great kids. But what chance is there for them profesionally in their sport?"

"I'd like to help, Rogers said. "I feel I could contribute toward bringing wrestling back to where it was once. But a guy like me-he has no chance."

Now that is staggering. 50-18½-34. And you can still get out-musceled?

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I do hope that somewhere along the line people get the idea that Buddy Rogers is one of my two or three all time favourites. He was close to the perfect wrestler: knew a wide variety of holds, could mix it with the roughest, could out-wrestle most of them, and had a style of ringmanship seldom if exer surpassed. Still a fabulous guy in every sense of the word, he has everything now that he ever had in the way of moxie and ability. Him a great, GREAT, GREAT in every way.

Our thanks to Robert Weckesser for sending the article in. I know we all enjoyed reading it again.

RESULTS FROM THE WWWF

24 July. ATLANTIC CITY. Bruno Sammartino and Spiros Arion W Lou Albano and Tony Altemore. Luke Graham D Miguel Perez. Arnold Skaaland W Franklin Hickey. Frank Holtz W Steve Stanlee disq. Tomas Marin W Chick Richards.
24 July. WASHINGTON. Bob Brazil W Prof Tanaka. Jackie and Jamaica Kid W Low Low and Brutus. Gorilla Monsoon W Baron Scicluna. Arman Hussian W Sloan. Pete Sanchez W Johnny Rodz. Sam Rubin W Angelo Savaldi. Ernie Lassieter W Bob Taylor.
25 July. ATLANTIC CITY. Sanchez W Rodz. Rubin W Savoldi. Albano and Altemore W Marin and Hussian. Monsoon W Taylor. Sammartino W Scicluna.
31 July. THE GARDEN. Monsoon and Tanaka W Sammartino and Arion disq. Kid and Jackie W Low Low and Jackie. Ed Carpentier W Graham. Brazil D Bill Miller. Gullitine Gordon W Taylor. Rodz W Holtz.
31 July. ATLANTIC CITY. Al Smith W Richards. Rubin W Hickey. Sloan W Savoldi. Albano and Altemore W Perez and Sanchez. Batman W Scicluna.
1 Aug. READING. Scicluna W Hussian. Tanaka W Taylor. Rubin W Savoldi. Albano and Altemore W Perez and Sanchez. Sammartino W Graham.
3 Aug. WASHINGTON TV. Gordon W Holtz. Altemore W Hickey. Scicluna W Skaaland. Kid and Jackie W Brutus and LL. Albano W Taylor.
5 Aug. PHILADELPHIA TV. Arion W Albano. Monsoon W Skaaland and Sanchez. Tanaka W Ox. Carpentier W Tank Morgan.
5 Aug. BOSTON. Monsoon W Sammartino disq. Tanaka W Sanchez. Arion W Miller. Albano and Altemore W Sexton and Holtz. Kid and Jackie W Brutus and LL. Carpentier W Scicluna. Gordon W Sloan.

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The area got more new men in than in any other month since we have had the club. They got in Franklin G. Hickey ( wowsville), Steve Stanlee (you mean he is still wrestling?), Gullitine Gordon (the guy from Kansas? Yep), Sam Rubin (who did you say? Sam R-U-B-I-N. Oh), Bob Taylor (Are you sure youre not making this up, Uncle Burt?), and Al Smith ( You've got to be kidding). Oh yes, they got in Hans the Great Mortier.

This includes two men who never win matches, two men who I havenever heard of before, three over the hill veterans, one guy whose last matdh before coming East was to Pedro Moarles, and another who has been wrestling almost everywhere, and has seldom been anything except a rather wild man with little or no real talent. New faces, tho, no matter who they are, are better than the same group month after month. And lets face it, after what happened to Slon, Scicluna, and Morgan, the above bunch could be the biggest thing in the world. If they did it three times, what is wrong with a few more times?

Hans Mortier. Lets talk about Tarzan Zorra, or better yet, Jacob Grobbe. Tarzan Zorra was one of the top notch drawing powers in the history of Canada. In the days when the Killer meant only one person, Kowalski, Zorra was the only person to stop him. He beat the Killer on a number of occasssions, sending him to the hospital with a bad back. Jacob Grobbe is one of the top wrestlers to ever appear in France and Germany. A man who toured the world, beating the vast majority of the men he faced, including wins over most of the top men of the world. Mortier is Zorra is Grobbe. All the same man. No longer in the flower of youth, he still has enough on the ball to make life mighty rou gh on some of the guys around here. If he really lets loose, watch for some wild things around here.

There was a Bob Taylor in the mid-west about ten years ago. A young kid, he vould have been appearing under another name somewhere along the line. But Rubin? Never heard of the guy.

Ole pros Smith, Hickey and Stanlee will only ease the losses suffered by Sexton, Savoldi and others. I sure wish Texas was larger.

GENERAL RESULTS

11 July. CALGARY. Gene Kiniski W Stan Stasiak. Dave Ruhl W Stan Neilson.
12 July. CAIGARY. Kiniski W Ruhl. Beast and Bob Sweetan W Jerry and Bobby Christy. Stasiak W Neilson. John Foti W Paul DeGaulles. Bud Cody W Firpo Zbyszko. Leo Burke D Rene Marr.
14 July. SASKATOON. Kiniski W Ruhl. Stasiak W Neilson. Christys W Sweetan and Zbyszko. Foti W DeGaulles. Cody W Marr.
15 July. EDMONTON. Kiniski W Stasiak. Ruhl W Neilson. Christys W Sweetan and Clem St. Louis. Stu Hart and Foti W Zbyszko and DeGaulles. Cody W Marr.

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The wrestling season in western Canada ended with the abeve series of matches. They start again in September. During the season, they had several title changes, notably Ruhl winning the Canadian heavyweight title from Stasiak, and the Christys winning the tag title from the Von Steiger brothers.

It is good to see both Stan Neilson and Stu Hart in action again. Stan is one of my all time favourites; a big, tall, raw-boned guy, he has been in the furniture business lately. Stu is the promoter in Edmonton and area, and always dons the trunks for at least one match a year. The guy is a great wrestler in many ways.

This section was originally designed to catch all of the loose ends. To include the matches of the Toronto area, the Montreal area, the New England area, and the independant promoters in and around Chicago. Unfortunetly, tho, we did not receive results from any of the above areas. So sorry, please, but after trying to make them up, I gave up. Please to forgive.

This is what happens when you rely too much upon other people. I plan on getting a particular amount of news and results from people, and when I don't get it, I fall apart. Sorry, everyone.

When in doubt, fill in the rest of the space with my need and desire for old results. As mentioned many times, I desperately need these things for the life histories that we do. To mention just a few of the men on whom I would like to do them, there is Buddy Austin, Jim Londos, Fritz Von Erich, Maurice Vachon, Ray Stevens, Ray Steele, Gordon Nelson, Ricki Starr, Bobo Brazil, Dick Afflis, Yukon Eric, Bill Longson, Dick Hutton, Larry Hamilton, Gene Kiniski, Billy Watson, Frank Sexton, Bert Assirati, Danny McShain, Duke Keomuka, Red Berry, Freddie Blassie, Gorgeous George, Timmy Geohagen, Don Arnold, Kinji Shibuya, Johnny Barend, Gene Dubuque, and many, many others. To do these, and others as needed, I desperately need old results. The time from which I need them the most is the year of 1958, 1960 thru 62. Earlier, I need all the 50s, except 57 and 59. All of the forites, all of the thirties, and eralier. Actually, the only years I have reasonably complete are 51, 57, 59 and then 63 on. If you can help in any way with this collection, please let me know.

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A wrestler was talking to his psychiatrist. "I have the impression that people don't like me. Are you listeneing you fst-headed, pencil necked, fish-eater? I said I have the impression people don't like me."

You know what I miss most, here in New York? I miss Pat Patterson. The guy is as wild a man as I have ever seen in the ring. As cocky as they come, as wild and wooly, he is a good wrestler, a great shoman, a crowd-pleaser of the highest order, and one of the few men now around that might have stayed in the ring with some of the old timers. Why he sticks with that partner of his, Ray what8shisname, I will never know. Pretty Pat is FABulous.

NEXT TIME YOU SEE.....

KINJI SHIBUYA**********Say "Hi Ya, Bob"
PENNY BANNER**********ask her how Johnny is
FLASH THOMAS**********Call him Leon and see his reaction
BILL WATTS**********have him tell you about his football career
STAN VACHON**********ask him whatever happened to Stan Pulaski
FRANK HICKEY**********ask him who the worlds greatest wrastler is
WILBUR SNYDER**********have him tell you about his favourite football team-mate
ABDULLAH BEY**********see why he has a picture of Chris Tolos on the boards he practices karate on
JUAN SEBASTIAN**********ask him how his wife, Belle, is
FABULOUS MOOLAH**********don't ask her age
DON DE NUCCI**********ask him where Dino is
BRUNO SAMMARTINO**********have him tell about his circus days
SPIROS ARION**********see if he remembers George Bollas
RED BASTIEN**********never ask his age; he's worse than Moolah
THE SPOILER**********say "Hi Ya, Bob"
BETTY NICOLI**********ask her how hubby Bob is
TOM DRAKE**********ask him how his political career is doing
MIKE CLANCY**********ask why he opened an Italian restaurant
JACK BENCE**********see if he has missed wrestling in any country of the world
ANTONIO PUGLESE**********don't mention Chio or Canada
BULL CURRY**********ask what he did for a living in 1934
BUDDY ROGERS**********Ask about his junk yard days in Camden
DON MC CLARTY**********see if he uses that tootpaste that gives his motuh sex appeal
DON LEO JONOTHAN**********mention old timer Don DeLaun
BOBBY ORTON**********ask what he does every Saturday morning
KARL KOX**********call him "Herbie" and run
WAHOO MC DANIELS**********ask him about the Jets
RONNIE TCHISON**********SEe if he smiles when you mention Ray Eckert
GORGEOUS GEORE**********on 2 August, give him a birthday kiss
TONY NERO**********ask about the Toga
EL GRAN LOTHERIO**********mantion Chico Garcia
JIM BERNARD**********mention Boyd 's neck
GENE DUBUQUE**********ask him about "Miss Stanlee"
FREDDIE BLASSIE**********ask him about the parade in Atlanta
BRPNCI LUBICH**********mention seeing him and Poffo together
RAY STEVENS**********ask how his brother Roy is doing

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I've been tripping out on that like/dislike list. See if you agree with me on the following:
Fabulous Moolah; general, d; hair, c; facial, f; voice, b; eyes, b; body, d; legs, c; personality, b.
Bruno Sammartino; general, c; hair, e; facial, h; voice, b; eyes, c; body, f; legs, d, personality, e.
Pat Patterson; general, e; hair, c; facial, c; voice,d; eyes, c; body, a; legs, c; personality, a.
Ray Stevens; general, c; hair, b; facial, h; voice, b; eyes, c; body, e; legs, c; personality, e.
Gorgeous George; general, b; hair, b; facial, b; voice, c; eyes, a; body, c; legs, a; personality, a.
Don McClarty; general, e; hair e; facial, ctries; voice, none; eyes, b; body, h; legs c; personality, d.

As I say, I'm tripping out on it all. Patterson especially; you've got to see my next-door-neighbors. And my Uncle Charlie.

In each issue of MATMANIA, we give various awards to the men and women of the wrestling world. The first of these each month is to the promoter who we feel is the best. This months winner is a repeat; he has won the award in times past, and undoubtedly will again. He was one of the few who allowed us to give him the award in person, before a packed house, thus gaining a bit of publicity for us in return for our honoring him. I speak of one of the finest, nicest, most wonderful men in wrestling today, last month's winner, and this month's promotor of the month, Paul Boesch of Houston. Paul, we luvs ya.

The second award each month is to the fan club worker of the month. This time around, we are giving the award to three people. When we first started including results of matches, we organized a system whereby the members send the results to our officers, who, in turn, send them on to me. This alleviates my getting all the mail, and spreads the work around a bit. Three girls have been most reliable month in and month out on this program, sending thier local results into the officer for their area. I speak of Sheri Blackwood, Diane Carver, and Mister Kenn Ames. They are fabulous people, all, and we luvs ya.

The third award each month is to the wrestler who travels the most during the period covered here. As always, we will list all of those men who did any appreciable moving. First, to and from Japan, George Drake left Hawaii, and returned there, Art Michalik, leaving from and returning to Los Angeles area; Hiro Matsuda, Sam Steamboat, Dennis Hall, Roger Kirby and Bill Dromo all left the South, and to the best of my knowledge, all returned there. Les Thatcher left the Florida area, moving into the Carolinas; Rudy Kay also moved into that area, leaving Australia, with Luther Lindsey arriving there from Canada. Karl Von Brauner arrived in Florida from Detroit, Tarzan Tyler arrived there from Texas, and Frank and Jack Dalton from Louisiana. The Mobile area gained Jim Dalton from Texas, Luis Garcia from Memphis, and Eddie Sullivan from the Ozarks. Texas gained Earl Maynard from the Kansas City area, Chris Hardy from Louisiana, Al Perez from Atlanta, Red Lyons from Detroit, Rocky Montero from Mobile, Bull Curry from Boston, and the Spoiler from California. The Ozarks are got very little new, as did the Heart of America region. The AWA land got Igor from Detroit, Al Kashey from Mexico, and Ramon Torres from Atlanta. Southern California got Buddy Austin from Texas, Tony Nero from the Northwest and Freddie Blassie from Atlanta area. The Northwest area got Leo Burke, Paul DeGaulles both from Canada; the Detroit area got Roy St. Clair from Omaha. The WWWF land got Bob Taylor from Hunger, Ed Summers from Imagination, Sam Rubin from out of Somewhere, Gullitine Gordon from Florida, Hans Mortier from Hawaii, and Steve Stanlee from death's door. Bruno Sammy traveled to and from San Francisco for another fiasco with Stevens. And the winner is, of course, Gene Kiniski, who hit Canada, the deep south, the northwest, and then went to Japan for a very lucrative vacation.

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What is coming up for next month's issue of MATMANIA? We will have a brief life record of Primo Carnera, along with a picture of him a few dozen years old, articles on Jack Brisco, and a few other top men and women (hopefully), pl s a few surprises a bit more pleasant than the one this issue. We will also have our normal coverage of news, results, nonsense, and general information.

The September issue, like all others, is only fifty cents each, or five dollars a year for 12 issues. As noted, ewarlier tho, thiese prices will not be in affect too much longer.

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My typing has gotten worse at times, in this issue. Part of that is the fact that I have been rushing to get it out on time or close to it. Even worse is my spelling, which is mainly my typing. That word back there about Jeff Walton and Freddie Blassie is "estatic. Sorry everyone.

This is the page for late news and views of the world of wrestling. Unfortuanetly it is Labor Day (apptly named for me today) and I have received no mail for three days. Therefore, outside of a phone call, I know nothing new. I knew it would happen sooner or later, and it finally has: everything I know fits into one or two lines.

I do know this, tho: Igor is having a match where he meets both Larry Henning and Harley Race; one after the other. While he is facing Henning, Harley has to be chained to the corner post, then the other way around. Should be interesting. He and Al Kashey already have a non-title win over the AWA champs, so life should pick up for Helen and other Igor fans.

I do know that there is, or was, a match in Winnipeg during which both Gene Kiniski and Verne Gagne will defend their respective titles. Kiniski will go against Rene Goulet, and Gagne against Henning, I think. When this match was, the results therefore, I do not know, but will try to find out.

I do know that there are tumors to the affect that Steve Veidor is coming to the States in the very near future from England. We will have an article on Steve in our next issue of MATMANIA so that you will know more about this great young mat-man.

I do know that Ron Reed, the cowboy star, hit England for a very short series of matches. We will probably pick up some of his results and I will let you know when in our next issue. Rumor has it that he also hit France while there.

I do know that rumors are flying concerning visits to the East Coast by Johnny Powers and Johnny Valentine. I tried holding my breath until it happened and I turned every shade of blue this side of heaven.

I do know that I made a drastic mistake in one of our issues of MATMANIA in which I stated that Eddie and Jerry Graham were feuding. It is Eddie and Bobby who are doing the bit. Bobby is wrestling as Goliath in Florida. Sorry, but who's perfect?

I do know that if you go and see the movie "Woman Times Seven" you will see Robert Duranton, one of the top wrestlers of France; he plays a small part in one of the vignettes. Just look for the biggest, wildest looking guy around and that is Robert.

I still do not know what happened to the Dupre brothers when they left Arizona. These boys are both good mat-men and it is a shame to lose them in the shuffle. Dito on the Garvisns; they left Florida and have disappeared. Both teams could be in the Montreal area and in the New England area, both of which did not get any reporting in this issue.

I do know that Ramon Torres is due into the AWA land just about the time that we started this bulletin, about the 25th or so of August. We do not have any reports on this as of yet, but will next time around. This means that with Perez gone from Atlanta to Texas, Ramon Torres gone, Jerry Graham disappeared, that some wild things are going to be happening down there, such as some new men coming in. Who, when and how soon, I don't know, but will sooon.

I do know thar Ricki Starr has left the States. He had been here for a visit and was to do some wrestling. When that fell thru, he left here, presumably to go back to England. He might be there already. Time only will tell.

I do know that Roy Burke, who is at best a small time TV loser in and around Omaha and Minneapolis, is getting some type of build-up by someone. He is going to Japan for a wrestling visit, and then will possibly be going down to Australia to wrestle. I will try to get more info on This guy and include it in our next issue.

Gee, when I start thinking, I find I know a great deal. That phone call was over an hour and a half, and we discussed a lot of things. See how smart Uncle Burt is?

And now we come to the feature page of MATMANIA: the last page. It is during this time that I thank all of those people who helped make this issue possible. As always I have to lead off with our officers; those people who devote long hours to collecting the results of their areas and sending them to me. This includes Jim Melby, James Lee, James Cloudy, and Earl Ealder. Plus our newest officer, Barry Winnick. WE'd li like to thank each of these hard working, industrious people; I'd be lost without them.

As always, I wish to thank the three hardest working people in the world, my 3 right hands. Norm Kietzer, Diane Devine and Ray Plunkett of England. They do more to make MATMANIA the quality bulletin that it is than any others. They are really and truly the salt of the Earth.

A special thanks goes to Yoshihisa Fukuzumi for his report of news from Japan; to Robert Weckesser for his article on Buddy Rogers; to Boyd Pierce and Gene Gordon for the hundred of bits and pieces of news and information.

Now and forever more, I am deeply indebted to Lew Eskin of Wrestling Revue for putting up with me and my million questions. He adds a great deal to the coverage and insdie information included in MATMANIA. I almost forgot the work done for us by David Alexander, who we have missed for many months.

Lastly, but certainly not least, we would like to thank the men and women who are the wrestlers, referees, and promoters of our beloved wrestling. Without them and their buffoonery, we would all have a much duller life. To the Men and Women of the Black and Blue. We luvs ya.

This, then completes this issue of MATMANIA. We sincerely hope you like and enjoy our work. If not, let me know what is wrong and I will try to rectify it. Any suggestions would be appreciated, except for that one I got the other day. I won't do it; fly a kite, indeed!

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## RATING THE GIRLS

In this issue of MATMANIA, we are inaugorating a new feature, rating the girl wrestlers of the world. A few rules as to our process, and away we go. We are basing the ratings on virtue of the results of the girls in single matches. We began with February of this year and have included the first two weeks of March. We based the final ratings on basis of the number of wins, the quality and variety of the opposition, and the different locals in which wrestled.

With that out of the way, here are our ideas of the ten best women of the world.

1, Fabulous Mollah
2, Donna Christansen
3, Princess Little Cloud
4, Peggy Allen
5, Jessica Rogers
6, Penny Banner
7, Jean Antone
8, Verne Bottoms
9, Sherri Lee
10, Annette Palmer

As always, we wish to state that these ratings are in noway official, but only our ideas of who is the best around.

BETTE BOUCHER
Girl Wrestler.....Worcester, Massachusetts

**The Fabulous Moolah**
World's Champion Lady Wrestler

THE INTERNATIONALS: Kurt Von Brauner & Al Costello